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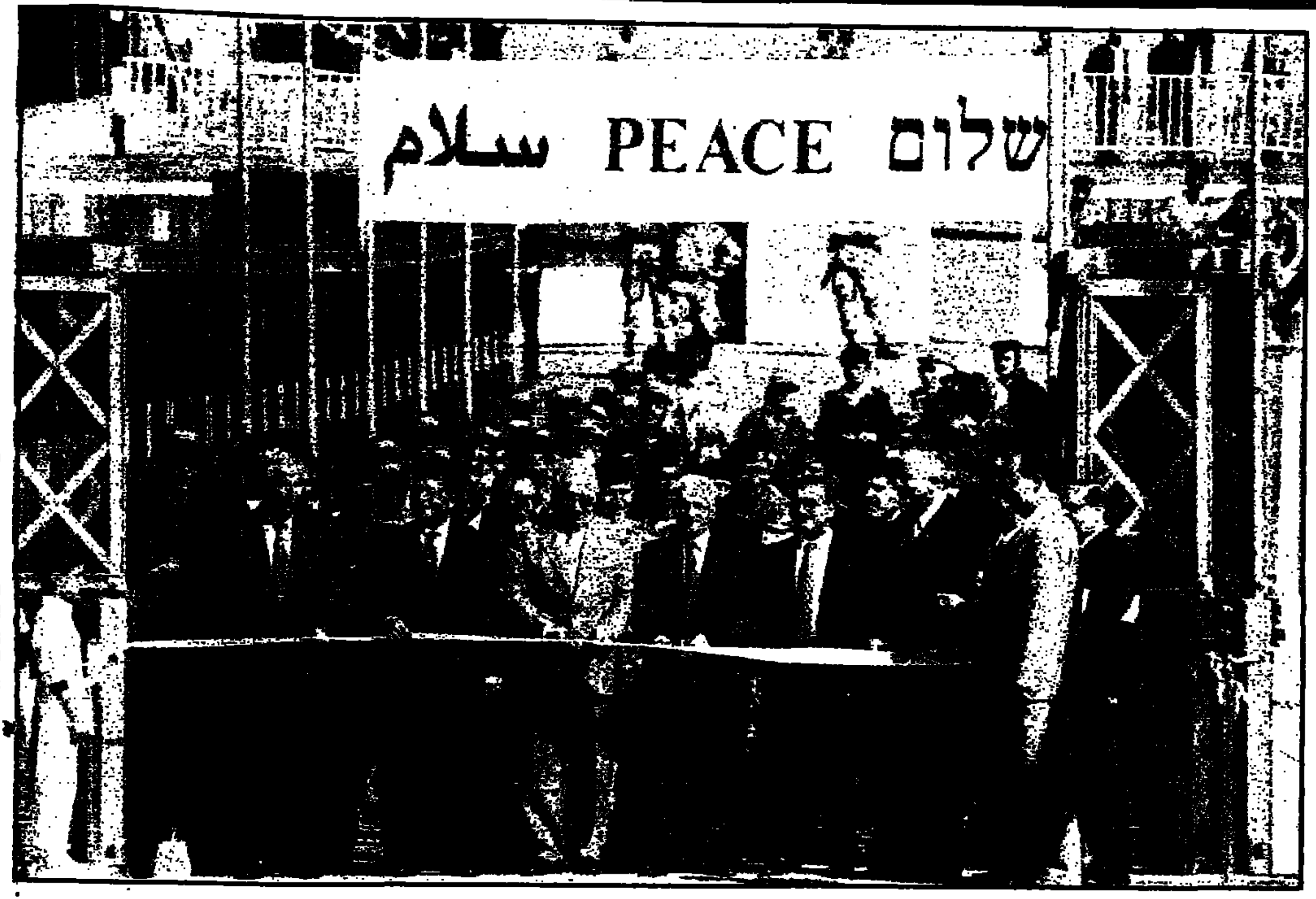

Jordanian Transport Minister Samir Kawar (tan suit), cuts a ribbon to open the northern border crossing between Israel and Jordan yesterday, with Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar (center right) and Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer (center left) (Stein/Harari)

US army wants 5,000 troops on Golan

DAVID MAKOVSKY

US military planners envision deploying a combat brigade on the Golan Heights numbering from 2,500 to 5,000 soldiers, far larger than the estimated 1,000 non-combat monitors publicly favored by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

According to the planners, the force would be an armored mechanized brigade, including tanks and armored personnel carriers. Such a brigade would be more heavily equipped than the non-combat light-infantry battalion comprising about 950 troops deployed in the Sinai over the past 15 years.

There is speculation that the US Joint Chiefs of Staff directorate of plans and policy, known as J-5, suggested the combat brigade approach.

However, as in Israel, it will be the US political echelon which makes final decisions on issues like US military deployment on the Golan. With Israel-Syrian negotiations still continuing, no final decisions have been made.

"The military's inclination is to send in peacekeepers who are strong enough and big enough to defend themselves. This is why the US wants to send in an army brigade to the Golan," a source familiar with Pentagon thinking said. Two other sources confirmed this.

When asked why the US military's ideas about the Golan differs from its position on the Sinai, the source replied, "The Golan is a much smaller area than Sinai. The assumption is that should fighting break out in Sinai, it would not be where the monitors are deployed.

"By the time peace was achieved, Egypt was already a US ally, which is not the case regarding Syria," the source added.

The US military's thinking differs from Rabin's. In a speech to Knesset on October 3, Rabin declared: "The most important thing in any peace treaty with Syria is security arrangements. My thinking on security arrangements is very broad – beginning with a mutual reduction of standing forces, asymmetrical demilitarization of territory, and a multinational deployment as there is in the Sinai, including American forces like there are in the Sinai..."

Rabin has opposed a US combat force on the Golan, believing this will limit Israel's ability to respond in the event of a Syrian violation. Instead, he favors monitors, who he believes will serve as a political tripwire, as they do in the Sinai.

When asked for a reaction last night, Rabin's spokesman Oded Ben-Ami refused to comment. Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu said "the notion that American soldiers will have to assume combat positions for the defense of Israel runs counter to the whole purpose of Zionism. In practice, no other force than the IDF can or should be asked to assume the task of defending Israel."

Michael Eisenstadt, who just co-authored a study for the Washington Institute for Near East Policy favoring deploying US troops as monitors on the Golan, voiced opposition to deploying a US combat brigade there.

Sen. Jesse Helms, probable next chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, says the United States is overspending billions of dollars on NATO, the United Nations and the Middle East peace process and he aims to trim it.

He said the United States has spent between $ 80 billion and $ 100 billion on the Middle East peace process since the Camp David agreement between Egypt and Israel. As for Syria, it "doesn't want peace with Israel. What Syria wants is the Golan Heights. The other thing they want is access to your pocketbook through the U.S. Treasury."

Hussein says treaty achieves 'honorable peace'

DAVID MAKOVSKY and HAIM SHAPIRO

JORDAN'S King Hussein, making his first public visit here, exchanged peace treaty documents with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday afternoon and voiced hope that peace between the two countries will flourish for generations to come.

The exchange took place at the Beit Gavriel cultural center, at Tzemah on Lake Kinneret. The king was accompanied by his brother, Crown Prince Hassan, and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali.

Hussein is the second Arab leader to publicly visit Israel, after the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat. Hussein admitted to reporters yesterday that he had secretly visited here several times before.

Earlier in the day, Israeli and Jordanian ministers gathered in the Beit She'an Valley to inaugurate a new bridge across the Jordan River. Known as the Sheikh Hussein Bridge, after the nearby Jordanian village, it will link Jordan's second-largest city, Irbid, with Haifa Port.

From Sunday, it is to be open for groups of Israeli tourists going to Jordan and for trucks carrying cargo in both directions.

Speaking outside Beit Gavriel, Hussein said: "The Israeli and Jordanian people are on the threshold of a peace which I hope generations to come will cherish, protect, and enjoy." He called the treaty an "honorable peace, a balanced peace."

Rabin replied, "I believe this is the most beautiful thing, the most beautiful act – to end not [just] the state of war...but to establish the structure of peace, to build the relations of peace.

"I hope that it will serve as an example to the other countries with which we negotiate peace – Syria, Lebanon – and they will be convinced by what we have achieved together, Your Majesty, and they will follow what has been done between our two countries."

Hussein told reporters he would visit Jerusalem "in the near future."

The two leaders met for an hour, when aides say they discussed raising money for a dam on the Yarmouk and Jordan Rivers, and funding for trilateral projects involving the two countries and the US. Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir will lead a team to Amman next week to discuss bilateral economic issues.

Hussein confirmed that he spoke to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat by phone Wednesday night, apparently the first conversation they have had since the Jordan-Israel breakthrough in July. A senior PLO official said Hussein and Arafat would likely meet soon to reduce the tension between them.

"I assured [Arafat] that many of us want him to succeed," he said, referring to Arafat's peace efforts with Israel. "Whether he believes it or not, it is up to him, but this is really the truth."

A relaxed Rabin and a smiling Hussein capped the visit with a festive meal on a balcony overlooking the Kinneret, as the sun set. After the two-and-a-half-hour visit, Hussein flew back to Jordan.

At the morning ceremony at the Jordan River, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar and his Jordanian counterpart, Samir Kawar, cut two ribbons, one at each end of the bridge.

"I have every reason to believe that the peace between us will be a warm one, with trade, transportation and tourism," Kessar said.

He said Israeli ports would be open to Jordanian freight and added that he envisioned a joint railway between the Dead Sea and Akaba. He also spoke of a network of roads linking the two countries. Kessar ended his remarks with a message in Arabic, which brought an especially warm round of applause.

Lining the bridge as the cutting ceremony took place were 40 Jordanian scouts and 40 Israeli youngsters, from the Hashomer Hatza'ir, Hanoar Ha'oved Vehalomed, and the Bnei Akiva youth movements. Children from the two countries presented scissors to the two transport ministers and flowers to all the ministers in attendance.

After the ribbon cutting, organizers released a flock of white doves. Another airborne display was provided by a group of light aircraft flying along the once-tense border, with the last plane towing a banner reading "Shalom, Peace, *Salaam*."

Although this was the second border crossing between Israel and Jordan to be inaugurated, the event, attended by 2,000 guests from both countries, featured an air of excitement and celebration. The Airports Authority, which runs the border terminal, gave Israeli participants hats reading "Blessed are the peacemakers" in Hebrew, Arabic and English.

Sarah Honig adds:

Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu phoned Crown Prince Hassan before he set out for Beit Gavriel to congratulate him and offer his best wishes on the cementing of the peace agreement.

Netanyahu explained that the absence of any representatives of the opposition at the Beit Gavriel ceremony did not indicate objection to the treaty. He claimed that opposition MKs were not invited.

Netanyahu and Hassan had met in London before the signing of the peace treaty. Both Hassan and King Hussein phoned Netanyahu after the Arava treaty-signing ceremony to thank him for his support.

'Rabin must give up interior portfolio'

BILL HUTMAN

PRIME Minister Rabin is acting "unacceptably" by holding the interior portfolio for nearly a year without making a permanent appointment to the post, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair said yesterday.

Ben-Yair said that in August he formally informed Rabin that he believed an interior minister should be appointed, although this did not move the prime minister to act.

"It is not acceptable that the prime minister should 'temporarily' hold such a portfolio for such a long period," Ben-Yair said at a Jerusalem press conference in which he reviewed his office's work in recent months.

Treaty will increase army burden in territories

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday the army's security burden in Judea and Samaria would increase once Israel reached a settlement with the PLO, because it would have to protect 50 to 70 isolated settlements.

Speaking at a symposium held by Tel Aviv University's Dayan Institute of Middle East and African Studies, Rabin said that if the residents' security had been taken into account when planning settlements in heavily populated Arab areas, this might not be the case.

The prime minister also said anyone who claimed he wanted to have peace while retaining the Golan Heights was saying "no" to peace.

"There is no such thing as peace without a painful compromise," said Rabin. "[Moshe] Dayan, [Menachem] Begin and [President] Ezer Weizman proved that. Anyone who thinks otherwise is living in a fool's paradise."

The prospects for peace with Syria would become clearer within the next eight or nine months, he added.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Authority Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said the closure of Orient House by Israel would constitute a violation of the Oslo Accords.

Abed Rabbo, who appeared yesterday at Beit Hagefen in Haifa, said there was an agreement with Israel that safeguarded Palestinian institutions in eastern Jerusalem and their right to continue functioning.

The closure of the building would be not only a violation of the agreement but of the basic rights of the Palestinians, he said. (Itim)

US skeptical of Iraqi recognition of Kuwait

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – The US expressed official skepticism yesterday over Iraq's recognition of Kuwait since it came so soon after Baghdad seemed on the verge of invading its tiny neighbor.

State Department spokeswoman Christine Shelly said US officials were carefully studying the Iraqi announcement which could mark "an important achievement" in UN Security Council efforts to force Baghdad to comply with post-Gulf War economic sanctions.

But she said even if the recognition is real and proper official notification to the UN is given, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "will have complied with only one of a number" of UN requirements.

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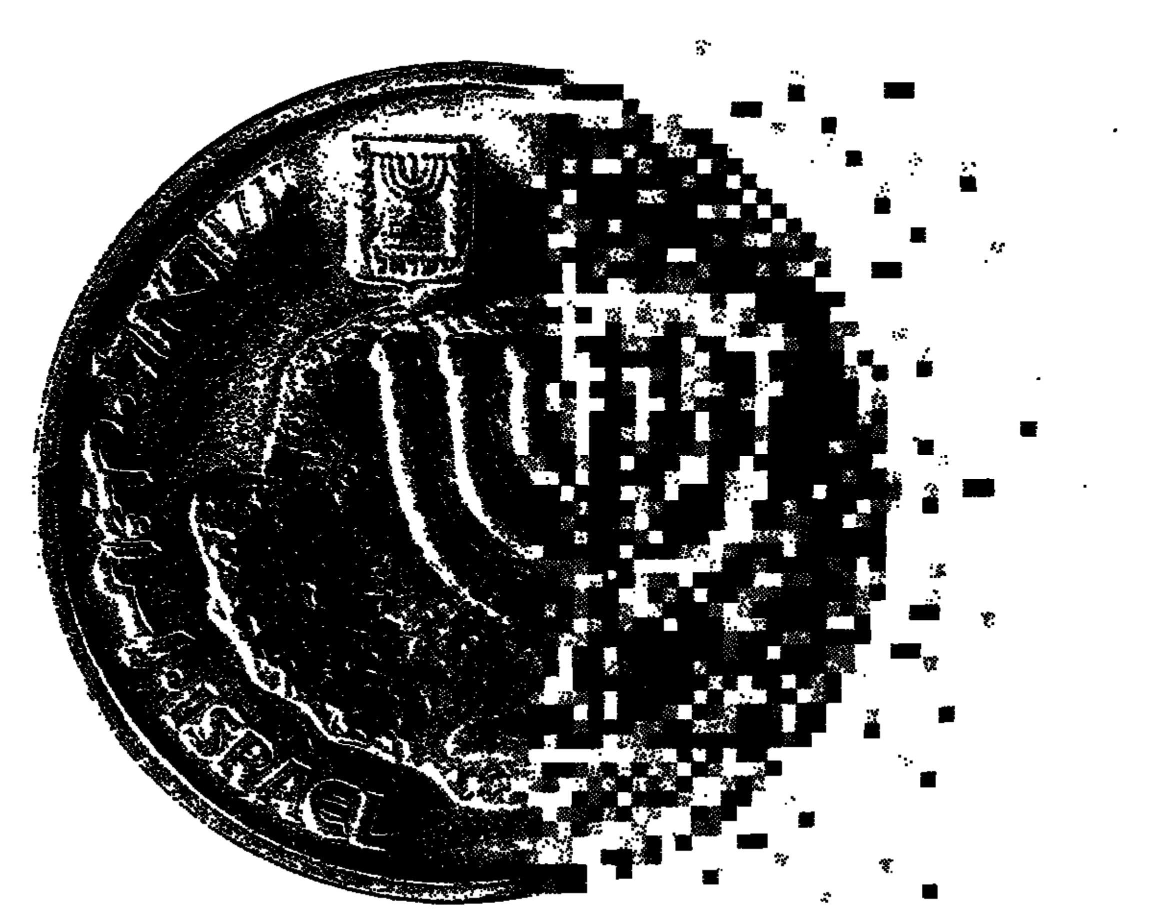

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Austrian president due here Sunday to report on contacts

DAVID MAKOVSKY and THOMAS O'DWYER

AUSTRIAN President Thomas Klestil is due to arrive here on Sunday for a two-day visit, marking the first visit to Israel by an Austrian head of state, Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday.

Klestil is expected to inform Israeli officials that Vienna's most recent contacts with Iran have failed to find any new information on IDF navigator Ron Arad and the other soldiers missing in Lebanon.

In Vienna, Klestil declined to tell visiting Israeli journalists exactly what information on the missing Israelis he would bring to Jerusalem from Austria's Arab and Iranian contacts but said "unfortunately, there is nothing new."

A source close to the president told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday *that in recent high-level talks in* Teheran, the Iranian government "had nothing new for us, but they gave us answers in a *different* way."

The source said the Iranians assured the Austrians that they had "really tried again with their people [in Lebanon] but found nothing."

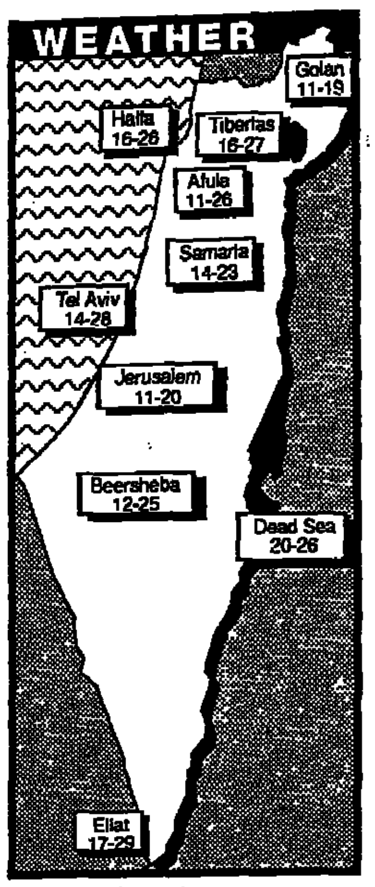
Klestil's arrival comes as Israeli-Austrian relations have been on the upswing, following six years of bilateral strain due to the alleged Nazi activities of Klestil's predecessor, Kurt Waldheim. *Officials* note that Austria has been active in multilateral peace talks in such issues as energy, environment, and water.

The Austrian president will be joined in Israel by Foreign Minister Alois Mock, Education Minister Rudolf Scholten, Environment and Youth Minister Rauch Kallat, as well as Austrian businessmen.

During his stay, Klestil will address the Knesset, visit Yad Vashem, and inaugurate a teachers' training center in Jerusalem. Apart from meeting senior Israeli officials, Klestil is also reportedly planning to meet Palestinians.

Also scheduled to arrive here next week for an official visit is Senegal's foreign minister, who will be the guest of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres for four days.

In Paris yesterday, Israel and the Indian Ocean nation of Comoros formally established diplomatic relations ties. Comoros is the third member of the Arab League to do so. *The decision to establish* ties reportedly followed very rapid contacts that lasted just several days.



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Shabbat: Clear to partly cloudy.

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Amsterdam	09	48	11	52	rain
Berlin	03	37	09	48	cloudy
Buenos Aires	17	62	27	80	clear
Cairo	16	61	25	77	clear
Chicago	01	34	10	51	clear
Copenhagen	05	23	x	x	cloudy
Frankfurt	09	48	11	52	cloudy
Geneva	08	46	11	51	rain
Helsinki	-04	25	-01	30	cloudy
Hong Kong	20	68	26	79	clear
Jo'burg	16	61	26	79	clear
Lisbon	16	61	20	68	cloudy
London	11	52	14	57	rain

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AMAR – Born to Linda and Eli Amar, a son, on November 10, 1994, in Jerusalem, brother to Hanan, Shani and Eitan.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Deborah Kaplan, National and International President of Hadassah.
Mrs. Sue Mizrahi, National Secretary of Hadassah.
Hadassah's Convention Team, for preparation of the 81st Hadassah Convention, to be held in Israel, August 7-14, 1995: Evelyn Sondheim, Co-Chair; Barbara Goldstein, Tourism Chair; Helene Karpa, Visual Aids Chair; Beth Wohlgelernter, Executive Director; Oscar Brand, Director of Productions, and members of staff.

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In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, jack of hearts, eight of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

Rajoub's bodyguards released

BILL HUTMAN

OVER two months since their arrests caused a major rift in Palestinian-Israeli relations, three bodyguards of Palestinian Authority security chief Jibril Rajoub were released from house arrest by the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

The three still face charges for allegedly kidnapping Palestinian TV head Samih Samara from his Jerusalem hotel room and taking him to Jericho for interrogation.

But the case is likely never to come to trial, according to both defense and Jerusalem District Attorney's Office sources.

The sides are near an agreement that would give the suspects suspended sentences in exchange for their admitting to lesser charges of assault. At present, they are charged with kidnapping and face long jail terms.

Police had made a large outcry when the guards were first arrested, saying their alleged actions reflected more widespread activity by Palestinian security agents in Jerusalem.

Rajoub claimed the arrests were unwarranted and Samara came to Jericho on his own accord. Rajoub sharply attacked Israel over the incident, with Police Minister Moshe Shahal returning the verbal fire and threatening to arrest him.

The body guards, Anwar Awad, Ghneim Ma'atsem, Salah Maslah, were expected back at work with Rajoub in Jericho today.

Military writers protest spokesman

ALON PINKAS

MILITARY correspondents yesterday protested the deteriorating work relations between the media and the IDF Spokesman's Office, headed by Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad. Members of the corps complained that a decision was taken to grant an interview with Intelligence Branch chief Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy *to only one newspaper, Yediot Aharonot,* which made a subsequent briefing for other journal*ists redundant.*

Prime Minister Rabin and King Hussein talk on the shores of the Kinneret yesterday after exchanging ratified copies of the peace treaty. (Ya'akov Saar/GPO)

Arafat, Hussein confer on phone

JON IMMANUEL

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat *phoned King Hussein Wednesday* night to discuss the peace process and his meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

They did not arrange a meeting but agreed "to keep in touch," an official in Arafat's office told *The Jerusalem Post.*

Hussein confirmed the talk at Beit Gavriel yesterday and said he was pleased that Arafat believed his meeting with Rabin had gone well. He told reporters that Jordan had the Palestinans' interests at heart "whether or not he [Arafat] believed it."

The talk was their first since the Casablanca conference last week thawed their strained relationship a little.

Arafat had sharply attacked the Israel-Jordan treaty, especially its clauses recognizing Jordanian claims on holy places in Jerusalem.

However, Palestinian anger has largely dissipated publicly since Crown Prince Hassan suggested in Casabalanca that Jordan's special status would be reconsidered once Palestinians win *sovereignty* in Jerusalem, something Israel has said *will not happen.*

Faisal Husseini, ranking PLO chief in Jerusalem, told the *Post* the quarrel with Jordan over Jerusalem "was a misunderstanding."

On another front, officials in Arafat's office confirmed he has recently met with leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad to discuss their cooperation with the Palestinian Authority.

Islamic Jihad activists in Gaza yesterday passed out leaflets inviting "the masses of our holy warrior people" to participate in a march today in Gaza to commemorate Hani Abed, an Islamic Jihad leader killed by a car bomb widely believed to have been planted by Israel in retaliation for attacks on Israelis. Arafat was attacked at Abed's funeral by Islamic Jihad supporters.

Arafat yesterday graduated 250 trainees of his Force 17 personal body guards at the former Sheikh Radwan military camp. The trainees jumped armed out of moving jeeps and performed other maneuvers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SLA soldier killed, two wounded

A South Lebanese Army soldier was killed and two others wounded yesterday afternoon when a remote-controlled roadside bomb was detonated near the village of Huona in the security zone in southern Lebanon, Lebanese and Israeli security sources confirmed. The sources said the blast ripped through an SLA mechanized patrol. Hizbullah claimed responsibility.

Big turnout expected at Machpela Cave

Hundreds of Jews and Moslems are expected to go to the Machpela Cave in Hebron today and tomorrow, the first time the cave will be *open for the Moslem and Jewish sabbaths since the* Hebron massacre nine months ago. The cave is scheduled to be open today and tomorrow, closed Sunday and Monday for *further security assessments, and then reopened for good on* Tuesday.

Fatah elections postponed

Fatah local elections scheduled for today in Tulkarm have been indefinitely postponed by the High Council of Fatah due to internal difficulties. One official said the elections in Ramallah last week – the first of their kind – were "bad" because they split the movement into different groups.

Injunction issued against sealing of home

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued an injunction prohibiting the IDF from sealing or destroying the Beit Hanina home of Yusra Yahumur – whose son is suspected of assisting the Hamas terrorists who murdered IDF soldier Nahshon Wachsman – until a petition on the matter is heard next week.

Itim

Supplies to Gaza as cholera spreads

JON IMMANUEL and JUDY SIEGEL

AS the number of cholera victims continued to rise, a Health Ministry shipment containing enough antibiotics and other medical equipment for 1,000 people was sent to Gaza yesterday. The ministry promised to send another shipment with infusion liquids and growing media for bacteria samples.

Cholera cases in Gaza reached 26 yesterday from 25 Wednesday and 10 Tuesday, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry.

A *state of emergency* was declared, but testing of water supplies has not shown that the disease *has spread beyond the* Gaza City neighborhood of Shajaiya where it began, the Palestinian *Authority ministry said.*

Doctors in Shifa Hospital said yesterday that some 200 suspected cases of cholera had been examined and all but 20 had been cleared and the patients released *from hospital. Fruit has* also been examined and found safe. Fruit and vegetables were on open display yesterday at fruit stands.

In Gaza City yesterday huge puddles blocked several road intersections, the result of heavy rains in recent days. The rain is considered responsible for mixing contaminated sewage water with fresh water, leading to the outbreak of disease.

Gaza Mayor Awn Shawa called for hiring more municipal workers to clear sewage and garbage.

Today, four PA representatives will visit a Health Ministry lab in the south to get instructions about water and food testing for bacteria. The ministry says it continues to maintain ongoing contact with the PA's health authorities. This morning, food testing experts from the Health and Agriculture ministries will meet at the Erez Checkpoint with their Palestinian counterparts.

Campaign against collaborators

LEADERS of the Arab sector yesterday declared a total boycott of collaborators from the territories that have been settled by the government in Israeli Arab towns.

The leaders also demanded that residents who sold or rented homes to collaborators evict them from the premises. In a few days, *there is to be a major demonstra*tion in Tira protesting the collaborators' presence.

*Israeli Arabs claim the collabo*rators are a threat to their communities, and are often involved in drugs and prostitution. "Those who are traitors to their people are not good for the Jews and not good for the Arabs," said Deputy Health Minister Nawaf Massalha. (Itim)

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Yoav Shabi (left) suspected of shooting Nitzan Prison guard Benny Aviram at the end of last month, was remanded for the second time, for 13 days, by the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday. Zohar Hasson, a suspected accomplice, was remanded by the court for 10 days. The two are followers of Uzi Meshulam, many of whose supporters were being held in Nitzan Prison.(Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

More remands in media wiretapping case

RAINE MARCUS

ISRAEL Shaham, 46, a private investigator, and Baruch Rubinstein, 48, a Bezek employee, who are suspected of wiretapping and bribery, were remanded for five days by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Shaham, police said, was employed by a "media group" to check for wiretapping on phones. But he is also suspected of tapping phones, using transmitters that he placed on subjects' phone lines in phone exchange boxes.

The person who employed him, police said, has been questioned under caution recently in connection with the wiretapping case involving private investigators Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur.

Tsur and Friedan are accused of tapping phones, mobile phones and faxes of media employees, businessmen and politicians.

Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi, his father Ya'acov and the daily's security officer, former GSS officer David Ronen, were questioned several times recently in connection with the affair.

Ha'aretz reported yesterday that Shaham, a former GSS officer in charge of wiretapping, was seen meeting with Ronen several times. Police arrested Shaham and Rubinstein near a Bezek exchange box, and said the pair had been spotted several times previously near such boxes.

Shaham allegedly paid Rubinstein for information relating to phone exchange boxes.

Mabat said last night that *Ma'ariv* employed Shaham to check for illegal wiretapping on employees' phones. But a private investigator told *The Jerusalem Post* that it is not necessary to open exchange boxes to search for illegal bugs.

Army pensions cost NIS 1.21 billion this year

EVELYN GORDON

ARMY pensioners cost the state as much as all civil service pensioners, even though there are only one-third as many of them, a Treasury representative told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

The committee was discussing the Treasury's request for NIS 58 million to pay the pensions of another 1,000 army officers.

Two weeks ago, the committee rejected the request, saying it first wanted more information on cushy IDF pensions.

Members of the regular army – even those in non-combat positions – are allowed to retire at age 45. They may also convert 25% of their pension into a lump-sum grant, and receive a special retirement grant equal to 12 months' salary.

Moreover, Treasury representative Ron Harel told the committee yesterday, retiring non-combat officers are given pensions based on what they would have earned as combat officers of the same rank, rather than on their actual salaries.

As a result of all this, Harel said, army pensioners cost the state NIS 883 million in 1993 and NIS 1.21 billion this year. The committee approved the NIS 58m. transfer yesterday, since pension terms cannot be changed for those now retiring. However, it demanded a review of army pension policy, with an eye to bringing it in line with the rest of the economy.

IBA shouldn't reimburse fees or fines, state tells High Court

EVELYN GORDON

ECONOMIC rights should not be given constitutional status, because it will divert the courts' attention from real constitutional issues of personal rights, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

It was submitting a supplementary response to a petition filed two years ago by MK Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet), asking that the Israel Broadcasting Authority be forced to return to the public some NIS 2.5 billion worth of fees and fines. According to a 1992 High Court ruling, this money had been collected illegally between 1985 and 1992.

Although the government passed a law to legalize these fees retroactively , Zandberg's petition, filed by attorney Tzahi Harbon, charges that this law itself is illegal, because it violates the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom. The basic law states that the government cannot infringe on property rights except for an appropriate purpose, and even then the infringement must be as minimal as possible.

In a supplementary response submitted yesterday, following last winter's hearing, government attorney Yehoshua Schoffman said that in addition to diverting judicial attention from more important issues, giving economic rights constitutional status would cause constant uncertainty regarding economic legislation.

Most Western judicial systems do not give economic rights constitutional status, he said, and even those who do are moving away from this trend.

Israel's special character as a Jewish state is no reason for straying from this principle, he added. On the contrary, Judaism has traditionally stressed the rights of the propertyless over the propertied.

Schoffman also argued that retroactively legalizing the IBA's collections did not hurt anyone, since everyone who bought a radio or television during those years made their calculations in the expectation of paying the tax. In contrast, forcing the IBA to return huge sums of money now would gravely impair its ability to provide public services, he said.

Even if the court decides the retroactive legislation did violate property rights, he added, supporting the IBA is an appropriate purpose.

Narcotics squad cracks Colombian cocaine ring

RAINE MARCUS

TEL AVIV police have arrested a gang of Colombian nationals suspected of trading in cocaine here over the past year.

Two Israelis were also arrested in the round-up.

The leader of the gang, who will appear in court today for a remand hearing, was arrested when he went to pick up 660 grams of pure cocaine from a Colombian courier who had smuggled in the drugs.

The courier, Louis Cuadero, 29, who was followed from the airport to a hotel near Dizengoff Square, had swallowed 52 hermetically sealed packages containing the drugs. Police believe this is a record amount of cocaine transported internally.

"The cocaine was specially wrapped in a material resembling capsules used for pills," said narcotics squad chief Menahem Frank.

After a month's surveillance, detectives, acting on tips, caught the courier just as he was excreting the packages in his hotel room bathroom. They waited for his "boss" to arrive to collect the cocaine, at first posing as gang members.

Police believe the gang leader, a Colombian national, succeeded in organizing delivery of weekly consignments of cocaine during the year he was here.

The drugs were always smuggled using the same method, said Frank – couriers swallowed large quantities of drugs after fasting for a few days beforehand.

The couriers had instructions to remain in their hotel rooms until he came to collect the drugs and pay them for their services, police believe.

The leader would then distribute the cocaine for sale to fellow Colombians who work on local building sites. The laborers would then sell the drug, still pure, for around $100 a gram. Dealers here usually mix the drugs with harmless powder to increase profits.

The alleged gang leader's Israeli girlfriend and her brother were also arrested on suspicion of smuggling and selling drugs.

Several gang members had been remanded during the past 10 days. A ban on publishing details about the case was lifted yesterday.

The case surfaced when police arrested a Colombian national in Tiberias who was carrying 260 grams of pure cocaine.

The case was transferred to the Tel Aviv narcotics squad who had been following and photographing alleged gang members.

During a raid of alleged dealers' homes, detectives discovered NIS 160,000, $30,000, 1000 French francs, and 220 dinars in cash, scales, and a small amount of marijuana.

High Court: Deal with secular burial

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday issued a show-cause order against Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, acting religious affairs minister, asking him to explain why he has not licensed a non-Orthodox burial society and given it a cemetery site.

The petition was filed by the Menuha Nechona burial society; its chairman, attorney Avraham Gal; and the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel. It is based on a 1992 High Court ruling that the organization had the right to be licensed and receive cemetery plots. Since then, however, the Religious Affairs Ministry and the Jerusalem Cemeteries Council have refused to allocate it any gravesites, in defiance of this ruling, the petition said.

Earlier this year, a ministerial committee looked into non-religious burials, due to the immigration of some 150,000 Russians who were either not Jewish or whose Jewishness was suspect in the eyes of the religious establishment. While the entire committee agreed that Menuha Nechona should be given gravesites in the context of solving this problem, nothing ever happened, the petition said.

Runaway, 11, still missing

POLICE and Civil Guard volunteers were searching wide areas of Holon and Tel Aviv yesterday for Boris Talinsky, 11, of Tashkent who disappeared Wednesday afternoon. Police said Talinsky ran away from his relatives' house in Holon to protest his father's decision not to let him stay here.

Talinsky and his mother had come here about a month ago to visit his father, who has been living here for about five years. They were to return to Tashkent yesterday, but Boris wanted to stay with his father. However, his father opposed the idea and said he had to go back to Tashkent with his mother, police said.

The boy left his relatives' house on Holon's Weizmann Street with only three shekels in his pocket. Police were posted at his father's house in Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter, but there were no reports received on the boy. Searches were made of local parks, rooftops and bomb shelters, but to no avail.

Boris Talinsky is 1.30 meters tall, thin, with black thin hair, and green eyes. He has a scar near his right eye, and was wearing a green warmup suit and white sneakers. He speaks only Russian. Anyone seeing him is asked to call the police.

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SPNI offers tour to save sand dunes

LIAT COLLINS

THE Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel is holding free tours of the Caesarea sand dunes tomorrow morning to raise public awareness about the dunes it says are threatened by plans for a marina and industrial area.

The Caesarea dunes, on the Tel Aviv-Haifa road near the power station, provide a meeting point for different species of flora and fauna, desert species from the south and Mediterranean species from the north.

It is here Hanna Szenes reputedly wrote the famous song *The Road to Caesarea* (better known as "Eli, Eli.")

"The dune area is disappearing and just 1.5 km is left. We are calling for the protection of the last of these golden dunes which used to characterize the coast, for the benefit of future generations," said SPNI spokeswoman Orit Nevo.

The tours will leave from the Paz gas station at the Caesarea interchange between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Each will last between two to three hours and is suitable for the whole family.

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Leaks and facts

TENDENTIOUS leaks of secret military briefings at the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee are as dangerous as they are contemptible. The whole purpose of such briefings is to allow intelligence researchers to speak freely before this important Knesset panel. If what they say becomes public property before they reach the Knesset's exit, the country's security may be compromised, and the secrecy of the proceedings mocked. There is no better way to discourage frank discussions between the intelligence community and the nation's elected representatives than to leak their contents to the press.

But it is difficult to take seriously the government's protests over the latest leak: the assertion by the Intelligence Branch's chief of research, Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, that Syria's dictator Hafez Assad does not keep agreements unless they serve his interests. Not only because the leak came from a member of the ruling Labor party, but because the government has consistently used leaks from these meetings to reinforce its policies.

It is even more difficult to fathom Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's response to the leak. Recalling how intelligence experts misread the enemy's intentions before the surprise attack on Yom Kippur in 1973, he used the opportunity to state the obvious: that it is he, not the intelligence researchers, who makes the final decisions. This attempt to open old wounds is not only gratuitous; it is misleading. It was not only army intelligence which misread Egyptian and Syrian intentions, but the whole political and military establishment. At the time, no one was more adamant than Rabin himself in asserting that Syria and Egypt neither could nor would attack Israel.

In fact, it is precisely the kind of rigid "conception" that dominated Israeli thinking in 1973 which now seems to be taking hold again. The furor raised by Amidror's opinion – which casts doubt on the wisdom of the government's willingness to relinquish the Golan – is itself an indication of rigid conformity. To his credit, Amidror never ventured an opinion on policy. All he was doing was what is expected of a good intelligence researchers: stating facts.

On this level, too, Rabin's response was astonishing. He said that the separation of forces agreement on the Golan, signed in May 1974, has held, despite dire predictions to the contrary. Syria did mount a terrorist attack on one community in the first year, but after a warning from Jerusalem it desisted. Since then, the area has been free of terrorism, and now it is the safest place in Israel, he stated.

One need not quibble about the two penetrations of Golan posts by terrorist units from an area controlled by Syria two years ago, which inflicted casualties, including one dead. Compared to other areas in the country the Golan has indeed been quiet. Nor should one pick on relatively minor violations of the 1974 separation agreement. These include Assad's failure to keep his commitment to return civilians to the areas evacuated by Israeli forces; his moving heavy artillery into the demilitarized zone; and his placing 21 surface-to-air missiles and eight missile launchers in the "thin out" strip in violation of the agreement. These are, after all, relatively insignificant.

But these violations are not what Amidror was talking about. His initial reference to Assad was in reply to a question about Syria's treatment of its agreement with Turkey. The issue was raised by a Knesset member who had heard from a Turkish official in Prime Minister Tancu Ciller's party that the 18 agreements Syria had signed with Turkey were all violated. These contained mainly Syrian pledges not to aid PKK Kurdish terrorists in exchange for water supplies from Turkey.

Amidror confirmed that Syria had indeed failed to keep these agreements. He then said what every student of recent Middle East history knows – that Assad keeps agreements only when he finds it convenient. This is not an assessment or opinion, but an indisputable fact. As editor of *The Middle East Quarterly* Daniel Pipes pointed out on these pages in August, Assad has broken most of the agreements he has ever made.

In 1976, American officials brokered a "red line" agreement with Syria, in which Israel acquiesced to Syrian forces entering Lebanon in return for several assurances. "Assad agreed not to deploy in Lebanon aircraft, surface-to-air missiles, or more than one brigade of soldiers. Damascus breached all three of these provisions," wrote Pipes.

Assad also broke several agreements to leave Lebanon. The first was the Riyadh-Cairo accord of 1978. Then, in September 1982, he signed, and promptly ignored, the Fez declaration, which called on the Lebanese and Syrian governments to begin discussions on this subject. In October 1989 he signed the Taif accord to win Christian support for a revision of the Lebanese government. In this accord, Assad agreed to withdraw all Syrian troops from the Beirut area by September 1992. Two years later, the troops are still there.

Israel seems to ignore these facts because they get in the way of the government's "conception" that Assad wants peace and normalization. Even Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich, who is now one of the most vocal members of the chorus of those who claim that Assad is a man of his word, decried Assad's "unequivocal violations" of the "red line" agreement in 1981.

It is, of course, possible, that in a region so famous for miracles, Assad, one of the most ruthless dictators in history, will become a man of honor and reason and banish all thoughts of war from his mind. But it may also be wise to assume that such a miracle will not occur in the foreseeable future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"PEOPLE OF THE BOOK"

Sir, – Professor Gabriel Ben-Dor ("Arabic has a word for it," October 30) decries the "sin of omission" of the people of Israel, from our prime minister and foreign minister down – for not learning Arabic. "As the People of the Book, it behooves us not to lose the race for knowledge." The avowed catalyst for this impassioned call was the address of Crown Prince Hassan at the ceremony for opening the first border crossing between Israel and Jordan, during which – after having studied our language for many years – he "quoted a passage from Isaiah in Hebrew."

To the best of my recollection, in his moving address the prince did not, in fact, quote a passage from Isaiah, but rather Hosea 2:17 – "I will give her her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Achor as a plowland of hope" (New Jewish Publication Society translation; the Hebrew original for the last phrase, *petah tikva*, should be familiar).

The error, unfortunately, cannot be dismissed as a typo in Ben-Dor's article or as a *faux pas* for which he be singled out. The unexpected quotation of a biblical verse by the prince befuddled the commentators who accompanied the ceremony in the electronic media; and within hours the specious identification of "a passage from Isaiah" appeared in the press.

Were it not so sad, the irony of the error would be humorous. A brief explanation is required for the uninitiated reader. "The People of the Book" is a translation of the Arabic term *ahl al-kitab*, a designation used in the Koran by Mohammed for the Jews (and Christians). It is only natural that Prince Hassan assume that the people of Israel would recognize a quote from their Bible. One can only wonder what reactions would have been evinced had he quoted the Talmud.

To better understand our neighbors – and even our own heritage – it would be commendable for more Israelis to learn Arabic and the rudiments of Islam, and I wholeheartedly endorse the appeal that they do so (though I do not fault our national leaders for not personally taking the time to study Arabic). But as the People of the Book, it behooves us first to familiarize ourselves with the classical works of our own tradition – if not to better understand our own heritage, at least to avoid further embarrassment, should the learned leaders of neighboring states cite additional passages.

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LEARN TO READ

Sir, – It is excellent policy for the *Post* to print articles by Arabs, rather than articles by Jews about Arabs. This way, the reader can get first-hand accounts of Arab views and opinions. There is a special benefit to the naive reader, the one not so well versed in our history, and the one who might be suspicious of Jewish prejudice.

We have had a few examples recently. On October 14, MK Walid Sadek repeats several times his pride in being an Arab (we haven't heard a word from his since the bombing). He adds, "Israeli Arabs are citizens of the state by right, not charity." What he so blithely takes for granted was denied to the Jews of Arab countries (of which he is so proud). The alert reader will consider the possibility that they *are* citizens by charity – the generous gesture of the Jewish Yishuv; which had so recently won a life-or-death struggle (against Arabs).

A much better example was carried in the *Post* of October 28. Who would really believe it if a Jew would write, "This Arab race carries the potential for unbridled savagery, committed by the few, and condoned, supported and justified by the great callous majority." But the Arab, Mr. Khalid Amayreh, tells it better, in an article written in the first week after the bombing. He explains: "It is wholly unrealistic to hold Hamas solely responsible for a contextually overlapping situation..." No, it is the Israeli government and the IDF who are responsible. What sheer effrontery! Jews, who are known for hutzpa, have a lot to learn. There is no act, no matter how bloodthirsty and sadistic, that cannot and will not be laid at the door of Israel.

Let the Arabs continue to write – and let the Jews learn to read.

M. GRANOF

Even Yehuda.

TOURIST SERVICES

Sir, – I had recent occasion to visit the office of the Government Tourist Bureau on King George V Street in Jerusalem. I was surprised to learn that the day of my visit was their very last day of service, and that the office in the Old City was also being closed. All that was being left of the Tourist Bureau is a remotely located office on 17 Jaffa Road.

My wife and I had reaped the full benefit of the excellent services of the two now shut-down operations for 10 straight years of vacationing here as tourists, as well as for the past three years as new immigrants. Both of these now extinct offices were spacious, busy, beautifully decorated, computerized, full of useful maps and nicely laid-out materials, and had full complements of capable staff.

I visited the surviving office, which until yesterday I had never heard of. It is small; it has one staff member and no computers, and the ambience is colorless and cheerless.

Whether we like what is going on or not *vis-a-vis* the peace talks, the outside world does. We have already experienced a great surge of tourism and can easily predict an even greater inundation of tourism in Jerusalem in the coming months and years. The decision to put tourism way, way down on the priority pole is an outrageous one, bereft of rhyme or reason.

MAX WIENER

Jerusalem.

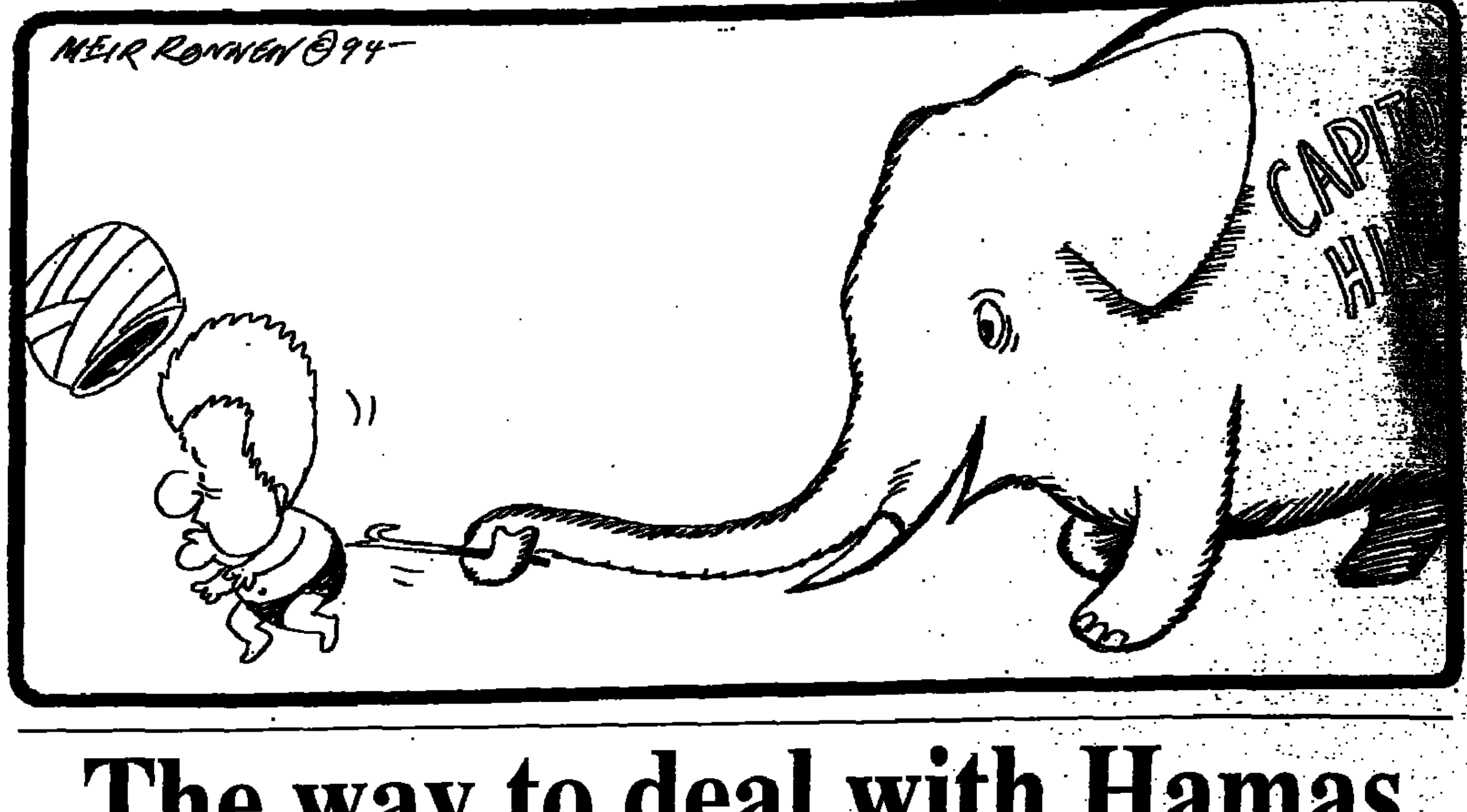
GREAT LEADERS

Sir, – I, for one, am sick and tired of reading abusive editorials and letters against our prime minister and minister of foreign affairs. Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres have more than proven that they are not only the best politicians in Israel, but the best in the world. We should thank God that they are our leaders in these crucial times. Their accomplishments speak for themselves and I feel sorry for anyone who is not aware of them.

I am not a member of any political party and have voted for the Likud as well as Labor and Meretz when I saw fit.

DR. A. STERN

Tel Aviv.



The way to deal with Hamas

YOSSI BEN-AHARON

THE Dizengoff Street outrage last month triggered a national debate on how to deal with the phenomenon of Moslem fundamentalist terror.

In the course of that debate, some government apologists threw into the arena a number of myths concerning Hamas terror, the role of the PLO and Israel's treatment of the Palestinian problem. These must be shown up for what they are, once and for all.

Myth No.1: Hamas is the enemy of the peace process.

Not so. Hamas is the self-declared enemy of the Jewish state and of its right to exist, and not of the peace process per se. It doesn't object to a settlement with Israel that ensures concrete gains, such as territory, for the Moslems, provided that it doesn't entail formal recognition of Israel.

In Hamas's view, such a settlement could be viewed as an armistice, enabling Hamas to resume its jihad against Israel at a time of its choosing.

Myth No. 2: Israel's agreement with the PLO has driven a wedge between Hamas and the PLO.

No. The two organizations have maintained a harmonious relationship, in spite of occasional friction. According to Hamas doctrine, although the agreement with Israel violated Islamic law, this sin could be atoned for if the accord strengthened the "family of Islam" and didn't prevent the continuation of the struggle against Israel.

Myth No.3: Yasser Arafat is committed to achieving his goals exclusively by political means.

Not so. Ever since his first confrontation with the rejectionists within the PLO in 1974, Arafat has maneuvered to maintain the ability of the Palestinians to confront Israel on two separate levels – political and military (i.e., terrorist).

The secret of his success lay in his ability to pose as a political leader while promoting terror, or enabling others to conduct terror attacks against Israel.

Israel's job is to separate the Palestinians from the terror groups

Although he is now concentrating on the political struggle, Arafat will do everything in his power to prevent a clash with those who are seeking to achieve Palestinian goals through terror. In his view, these two levels of action complement each other.

Myth No. 4: There is a natural alliance between Israel and Arab governments that are victims of fundamentalist violence.

No. There is no comparison between the objectives of the fundamentalists in countries like Algeria, Egypt and Jordan and those of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad in Israel.

There, the purpose is to force the adoption of Islamic law on the state, while here the goal is to eliminate the Jewish-Zionist entity altogether.

If those Arab regimes were to contemplate an alliance with Israel against the militant fundamentalists, they would be inviting a death sentence on themselves.

By the same token, it is altogether naive to expect that, following the recent Hamas outrages against Israelis, Arafat and the PLO will ally themselves with Israel against Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.

Arafat may posture, he may denounce terror to placate us, but his basic message to Hamas will remain: Do not risk our common goals by overstepping your freedom of action.

Although they are revolted by Arafat's double-talk, Hamas's leaders understand his message perfectly. However, they too are locked in a Catch-22 situation.

If they were to remain passive while Arafat reaps gains on the political track, they would be betraying their principles and would lose the support of the masses. Hence, they must maintain their terror activities and risk some friction with the PLO leader.

ATTEMPTS BY the government to separate the peace process from terror are not realistic. In the minds of the PLO and Hamas leaderships, the two tracks are intertwined, complementing each other.

Yitzhak Rabin's solution to the problem of escalating terror is to separate Israel and the Palestinians physically. This policy has, yet again, been proven to be unworkable. Furthermore, it contains deep and time-proven weaknesses.

It clashes with the need to provide the Palestinians with a minimal means of livelihood through employment in Israel; it will drive hungry and unemployed Palestinians into the welcoming arms of Hamas; and, as Israel's experience between 1949 and 1967 has shown, it cannot prevent incursions, infiltration and terror attacks across Israel's borders.

What Israel really needs to do is separate the Palestinian Arabs from the terrorist organizations.

From the strict security viewpoint, this goal can be meaningfully achieved only by making sure that Israel's security services have free access throughout Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip.

In 1974, in the course of preparations for the Geneva Peace Conference, the heads of Israel's security services unanimously recommended that under all political options – from Israeli sovereignty to a Palestinian state – the security services must be guaranteed freedom to pursue, apprehend, question, imprison and bring to justice anyone suspected of involvement in terror.

Twenty years later, experience seems to indicate that those recommendations are even more valid today.

Our government's reliance on the PLO security apparatus and police is unrealistic and increasingly dangerous.

The writer is a former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

It's a little too early to celebrate

STEVE RODAN

LET'S toast the end of the boycott.

Why not? Attending this week's Jerusalem Business Conference were businessmen from Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia. Perhaps, quietly, some even came from the Gulf.

Last summer, Kuwait announced the end of the secondary boycott, whereby Arab countries refused to do any business with companies that do business with Israel; the Gulf Cooperation Council, led by Saudi Arabia, followed last month.

US officials say the Gulf states no longer require foreign companies operating within their borders to declare that they have no contact with Israel. That assertion helped persuade the American Jewish Congress to stop publishing its newsletter on the Arab boycott.

Perhaps the only Arab country that still talks about the boycott is Syria, whose isolationist stand is just fine with Israeli officials. "Whoever makes a boycott against Israel, makes a boycott against himself," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told foreign industrialists this week at the conference. "He who boycotts is boycotted."

Is it that simple? Probably not.

First, the actual effects of the boycott are suddenly less clear.

Months ago, Israeli industrialists and the Foreign Ministry estimated the cumulative damage of the secondary boycott at $40 billion. That included loss of investment, higher shipping costs, high costs of raw materials and reduced exports.

Now, some of the same people are saying the boycott never hurt Israel at all. They estimate the damage at only hundreds of thousands of dollars, and say it served as an incentive to develop Israeli industry. For instance, while the rest of the developing world is dominated by Nestlé, the world's largest food conglomerate, Israel managed to create its own manufacturers, companies like Elite and Osem.

And how do you gauge the end of a boycott, anyway? Does it resemble an animal that dies, never to rise again? Or can its end only be determined with time, lots of time?

Earlier this year, in the wake of the PLO-Israel accord, Israeli businessmen were flying high with the arrival of their counterparts from the Gulf and North Africa to discuss major business deals. The Israelis approached international companies which had long honored the boycott, and told them it was time to talk business.

Let's leave the partying until the fate of the Arab trade boycott is clearer

Not so fast, replied the companies, particularly in Europe and Japan. Arab businessmen might be visiting Israel, but the boycott hasn't *formally* been ended. Few were willing to take chances.

Indeed, the boycott had been made effective largely through the zeal of international companies eager to get a foothold in the Arab world. Companies voluntarily joined the boycott against Israel, pledging to have nothing to do with those who set up businesses here. A decade ago, Toyota even canceled plans to establish a plant with Ford to manufacture small cars because of that American company's activities in Israel.

So don't expect companies that honored the boycott to become courageous overnight.

Enforcement of the boycott is the work of the Arab League, based in Cairo. Twice a year, representatives of Arab countries meet to review the list of companies violating the boycott. The boycott office in Damascus continues to publish lists of those honoring and violating the boycott.

The Arab League hasn't yet rescinded its 1946 resolution prohibiting the purchase of Jewish-made products manufactured during the British Mandate of Palestine.

Some diplomats acknowledge that fear of Arab retaliation still drives their major business concerns.

One Asian diplomat says his country would like to buy military products from Israel, but feels it's too early. "I guess when there is peace with Syria, then the atmosphere will be right," the diplomat says with an apologetic smile.

The picture has its bright spots. Israel is attracting more major international companies than ever. Pepsi Cola is in the country. McDonalds has arrived. Holiday Inn is another newcomer. Daimler-Benz is in Israel, and is negotiating a deal to manufacture products with Israel's military industries. Japanese and Korean firms are investing.

The Casablanca conference brought Israel-Arab business ties out of the closet, with representatives of a host of countries drinking coffee together and discussing joint projects and investments.

The question now is whether Israel is a feasible economic partner for the Arab states.

In the past, through third countries, Israel sold the Arabs drip irrigation, and medical and technological products. Now, Israeli businessmen are asking whether they will be allowed to be the prime contractors or at least the subcontractors of major Western firms dealing with the Arab states.

But a measure of the secrecy that has surrounded Israel's trade with the Arabs will probably remain.

When an Israeli company was hired by a US manufacturer to produce a major component for a product for Saudi Arabia, Riyadh said nothing. The minute it was hinted in the press, Saudi officials contacted the US company and said: If we hear one more word that Israelis are manufacturing our products, you lose your contract with us.

Quietly, Israeli officials explain that that's the price for dealing with the Saudis, directly or indirectly.

In Britain, the BBC's Arabic section rarely reports criticism of the Saudi monarchy. In Washington, the State Department conducts what is virtually a secret diplomacy with Riyadh, for fear of upsetting the kingdom and losing its multi-billion dollar business.

Perhaps, in the end, Israeli authorities might include Saudi Arabia on the list of countries with which trade is deemed a state secret.

So, before we drink to the end of the boycott, let's remember the 400 foreign companies that operated in Israel in defiance of the Arab League. They included IBM, Intel, General Electric, ITT, Motorola, Coca Cola, General Dynamics, Columbia Pictures and Barclays Bank.

They refused to be intimidated, deciding that fair play and good business sense demanded they call the shots on how their companies operated.

In the muddled picture of the fate of the Arab boycott, perhaps that is the clearest image of all.

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POSTSCRIPTS

THE HUNT is on for the most awful laugh in Britain.

Ripley's Believe It or Not, a seafront tourist attraction in Great Yarmouth, launched the search after its manager heard a customer laughing "like a cross between a hyena and a corncrake" (a croaky-sounding crow).

"It was truly, absolutely dreadful so I decided to find out if there really could be anything even worse anywhere in the country," Martin McDonald said as he launched a special phone-line for guffawing entrants.

FURTHER PROOF that the English care more about their animals than about each other: robbers in Bradford held a terrified family at gunpoint for 10 hours but could not bear to see their captives' dog suffer and made sure it was fed before they fled.

Police were hunting two armed men who held postmaster Paul Carter and his relatives for a night but left biscuits and water in the morning for the family dog Sheeba.

"They put us through the most awful night and I thought they were going to kill us. I just can't believe they did all that and then fed the dog," Carter said.

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Brilliant, yes – but wrong

SHLOMO GAZIT

ON the operational level, last week's assassination in Khan Yunis of Islamic Jihad activist Hani Abed was impressive. It avoided harming innocent people, and left no evidence of its perpetrators. In current IDF terminology, it was a "success story."

We don't know who was involved, but if the assassination was carried out by Israeli units, they deserve a medal for a highly professional, smooth and precise operation.

No one, certainly no Israeli, can deny Israel's right – no, obligation – to ensure its people's safety. And yet, it should be asked: Does this kind of action serve our overall national; strategic interest? Isn't there a danger that such a brilliant, tactical success will become a two-edged sword on the national level?

If the Israelis did carry out the strike, it was a wrong decision. For the key issue, strategically speaking, is what was at stake.

Was it Zionism's greatest achievement – the breakthrough *in the agreement with the PLO* and a real chance to solve the Palestinian question, the heart of the Israeli-Arab conflict?

We know there is still a long road ahead, one full of obstacles. But that is precisely why we shouldn't set up additional, unnecessary roadblocks. We should not be responsible for the failure of this experiment.

> Whoever killed an Islamic Jihad activist last week should have reflected first

WE SHOULD understand that we can't have it both ways.

Having recognized the PLO, all our doubts and misgivings notwithstanding, we must now follow the high road leading, hopefully, to a real agreement between the two peoples.

We can't go on behaving as though we were still operating in Palestinian territory and acting just as we please there.

Today, responsibility for what happens in Gaza and Jericho is exclusively in the hands of the Palestinian Authority and Yasser Arafat. It cannot be divided; or shared with us.

We don't know if Arafat is capable of ending Islamic fundamentalist terror; but we shan't know whether he can unless and until he is allowed to meet the challenge without interference, and without being able to claim Israel is thwarting his efforts by intervening.

Perhaps the result of leaving Arafat to cope alone will be disappointing. Perhaps it will even be a disaster. But only then will we need to change our strategy.

The conclusion then will not be that Israel and the Palestinians need to be jointly responsible for security. It will be much more far-reaching: that the entire Oslo endeavor – this stage, at any rate – has failed.

That will be a victory for Islamic terror. And those Palestinians who oppose the political road to a settlement will have been proved at least partially right.

But if we get to that point, it won't be because of any Israeli actions, but because of the blunders Arafat and the PLO have made.

It will be proof that they are not ready for peace.

If we get to that stage – and it's important that the Palestinians understand this – it will spell the end of any chance of an independent Palestinian entity alongside Israel.

Once that happens, Israel will resume responsibility for security in all the territories.

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Demon days are back

SARAH HONIG

EVEN IN these heady days of peace, our ever-watchful Government Press Office continues waging its ongoing war for world opinion against slanderers of all persuasions.

In this determined spirit, the GPO this month put out an 18-page pamphlet, *The Refugee Issue.* It bears the emblem of the State of Israel and lets us know that it is an official publication, the bill for which was footed by taxpayers of all political stripes.

It was, therefore, an unpleasant surprise to encounter on page 3 the specter of political demonization, which appears to have survived quite intact from the bad old Mapai days.

There we read that the "Hagana defense forces... avoided military action against Arab population centers," while – in sharp contrast to the good guys –"on April 10, 1948, forces belonging to two right-wing Jewish militias, the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Lehi, attacked the strategically located Arab village of Deir Yassin on the outskirts of Jerusalem, killing many civilian inhabitants and committing atrocities."

Deir Yassin was the site of a bloody battle, the sort that war inevitably brings. It was not a premeditated massacre of civilians.

The Hagana, too, had its share of bloody battles. But back in 1948, the Labor establishment cynically played into the eager hands of Arab propagandists by trying to besmirch the IZL and Lehi.

The Jewish Agency even sent a tearful condolence message to King Abdullah of Jordan. In actual fact, even the Red Cross conceded that there were fewer casualties at Deir Yassin than imaginative Arab propagandists claimed.

Moreover, the Hagana knew full well that they were not all innocent civilians, and that Deir Yassin was not a cub scout camp, but a heavily-fortified position.

> Deir Yassin. The ghosts of past decades have been summoned up with a vengeance

When Mapai began to shed some of its Bolshevist inclinations, the realization began to dawn that more than the Big Lie hurt the rightist parties, it maligned Israel.

In 1968, nearly a decade before the first Likud government, the foreign ministry issued an official study which noted that the IZL-Lehi units were striving to relieve the siege of Jerusalem, that they entered the village and warned all civilians to get out of range. The paper even quotes Arabs witnesses who heard the loudspeakers.

But fire was opened on the Jewish forces. In the ensuing battle, the Jewish side also sustained casualties, including four dead.

THAT THE GPO should revert to the old slanderous version of events, now discredited by most historians, is curious. That it should exploit an official publication to revive an old, nearly-forgotten campaign to delegitimize political opponents is insufferable.

The GPO is cutting off Israel's nose to spite the face of the Likud's historical predecessors. It is spreading the very lies that Israel's still-numerous enemies so avidly circulate.

To Islamic fanatics, neo-Nazis, and far-left lunatics, there is no difference between Labor and Likud. We are all Zionists, we are all Jews, and we are all targets for elimination. This lesson has been lost and relearned at a very high price by Jewish self-haters over the generations.

Laborites themselves were alarmed at the horrified world reaction in 1977, when the late Menachem Begin was elected prime minister. The man so long demonized by Labor was viewed as a dangerous zealot and a fascist fanatic – as he had been painted by David Ben-Gurion for decades.

Realizing that this image was detrimental to the country, some Laborites sought to convince the world media that Begin was really a committed democrat and a liberal in the truest sense of the word.

But, sadly, the government has forgotten the lesson, and has revived demonization and delegitimization with a vengeance.

The ghosts of decades past – which we long assumed had been effectively exorcized – are coming back to haunt us, and the GPO paper is but one disturbing apparition.

There seems to be a growing body of opinion in the government these days that "if you aren't with us, you're against us."

We mustn't slip back to the days when a political opponent wasn't a person with the right to express a different opinion, but was someone beyond the political pale.

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A separation between two peoples

YOSEF GOELL

PREPARING for the resumption of talks on the second stage of autonomy, Prime Minister Rabin spoke of the need for some fine-tuning of the Oslo agreements.

I would suggest that a far more basic rethinking of the entire process is in order.

The basic assumptions on which the architects of Oslo built their edifice of peace by stages were that Palestinian elation over the triumph of the intifada, the lifting of the yoke of Israeli occupation, and the first glimmers of eventual independence would attenuate their hatred for Israel and its frequent translation into terrorism.

Another assumption was that a rapid rise in the standard of living and quality of life of most Palestinians would further divert them from their hatred.

Fifteen months after the historic handshake between Rabin and Arafat on the White House lawn, these assumptions have proven groundless. Despite the Casablanca gathering, an autonomous Palestinian Gaza will most likely resemble Cairo more than Hong Kong.

To compare the amount of blood shed before and after Oslo is to miss the point.

The fact is that there has been no diminution in Palestinian hatred for Israel; in all likelihood, Hamas and disguised PLO terrorism will even be stepped up to force Israel to give in to extreme Palestinian demands.

Rabin has often been wrong, but by and large he has been right in his gut perceptions of reality, infinitely more so than Shimon Peres with his pie-in-the-sky visions of a new Middle East.

Nowhere has Rabin been more right than in his recent assertion that the direction of Israeli policy should be toward separation from the Palestinians rather than integration of the two peoples.

The need to choose between these mutually exclusive alternatives will become more urgent as talks on the redeployment of IDF forces in the territories proceed.

> The dreaded T-word: transfer. Yet it is preferable to mutual slaughter

IN A RECENT article, ("Hard facts of survival," *The Jerusalem Post,* October 31), Arnold Kisch argued that the problem with the elegantly simple concept of separating Israelis from Palestinians is the difficulty of putting it into practice.

He went on to assert that the geography and demography of this country dictate that for Israel to have militarily defensible borders, Israelis and Palestinians must continue to be mixed together.

...Israel would also periodically have "dirty work" to do, since it is unrealistic to expect the Palestinian leadership to shoulder such responsibility.

One of the lessons of the intifada – which theoretically could have easily been put down at its inception by a bloodbath – is that Israel is not built for such "dirty work." Difficult as effecting maximal separation between the two peoples may prove, it would be infinitely easier – and more humane – than a periodic resort to "dirty work."

The difficult but preferable alternative is contained in Kisch's own article, where he wrote, "unless one wants to contemplate significant bilateral population displacements."

This is exactly what I suggest we do contemplate: the idea of negotiating a division of the West Bank between Israel and a Palestinian entity, and a "mutual transfer" – to use the dreaded T-word – of some Palestinians and Israelis to either side of an agreed border.

The very idea of displacing people is profoundly repugnant – except when compared with the infinitely worse but inescapable alternative of peoples continuing to slaughter each other.

The Turks and the Greeks engaged in just such painful bilateral population displacements in the 1920s. Millions were involved on either side.

While Turkey and Greece have since continued to be hostile to each other, they have ceased their mutual slaughter.

The writer comments on public affairs.

Fact and fiction

SHULAMITH HAREVEN

THE reference to Hanna Senesh's "betrayal" cannot be broadcast on television. Not because Senesh is a legend, or because she or her generation have a certain "image." And, heaven forbid, not because of Zionism.

The reference had to be cut because Hannah Senesh was a person.

And it is a person's right not to be lied about.

> A human being has the right not to be turned into a non-person

It is a person's right not to be credited with something he or she didn't do, or say. And that applies whether your name is Gorodish or Begin. Or Hanna Senesh. And it applies even after you die.

True, after a while, the human aspect fades, and only stories remain. For how long? Hundreds of years, perhaps.

The Greeks wove myths around their heroes, using their real names. And Shakespeare put words in the mouths of kings and noblemen that they perhaps didn't say.

But to do that so soon? While living testimony is still among us, while it can still be verified?

If a playwright or an author or a poet has something fictional to say about someone who lives among us, let him have the grace to change that person's name. The nature of the unwritten contract between playwright and audience becomes different then. In effect, the playwright will be saying, "This is my invention."

But to name someone, explicitly? As if what you're saying is the truth, and nothing but the truth?

There is only one way to describe such a thing: dehumanization.

It turns a person into a non-person, into an image, a myth, a figure in a computer game whose character, motivation and actions can be altered at the touch of a key.

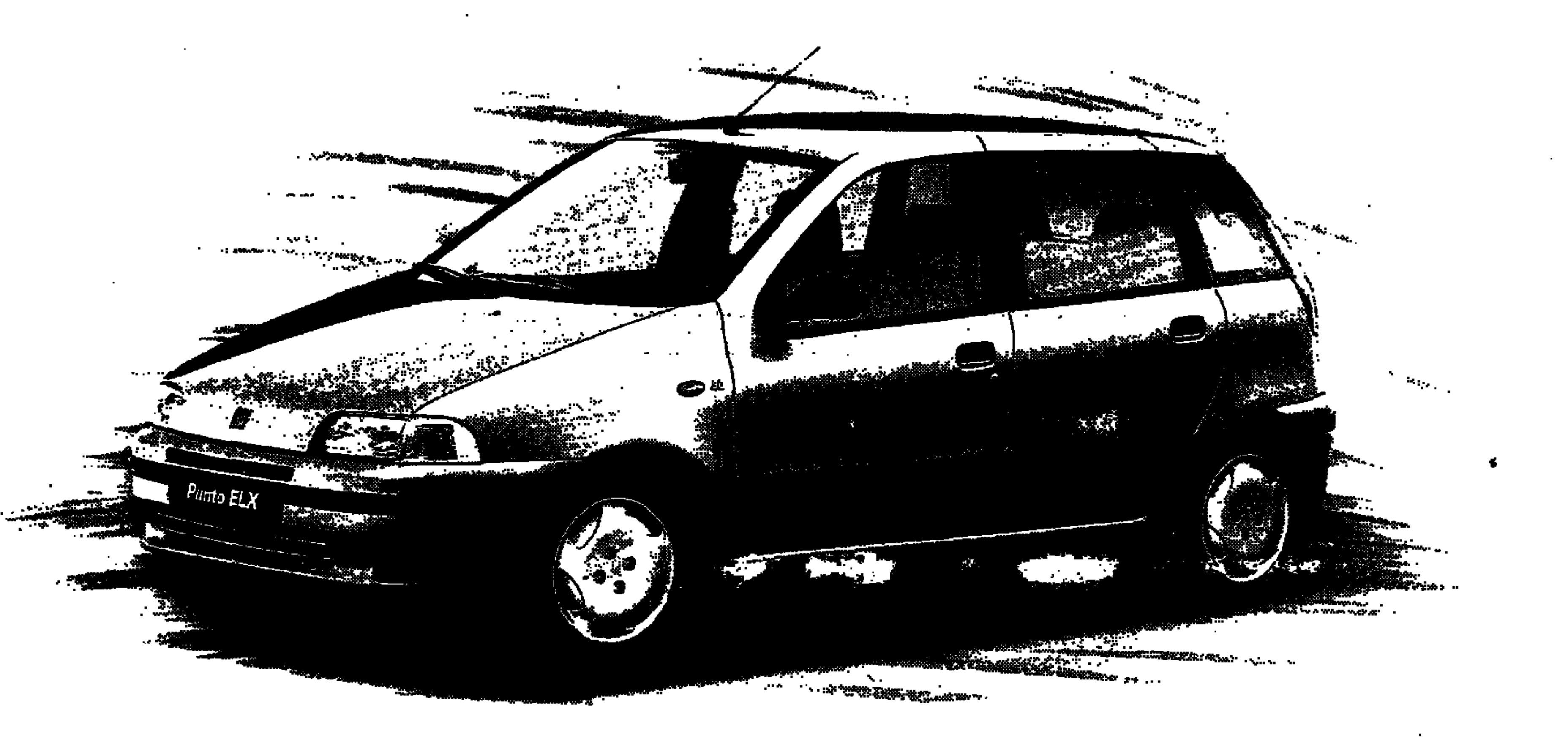
Once that happens, there isn't any historical truth that can be verified or refuted, only a personal "narrative" that could apply to anyone.

There isn't any distortion, only "creative freedom"; no living, thinking human beings who are responsible for what they do, only flickering "images" for the producer to operate as he wishes.

So the Holocaust happened, or didn't happen; Hanna Senesh didn't break down under torture, or she did – what's the difference?

Sometimes, demolishing a legend is the right thing. But injuring a human being, that is unpardonable.

The writer is a Jerusalem author.



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The oil share conundrum

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

MOST of the oil-related securities traded on the TASE currently present an interesting conundrum.

Magen trades at a 20% discount to its net asset value, Givot Olam at a 60% discount, Pass-Port at a 60% discount, Isramco at a 40% discount, and Avner at 40%.

Even JOEL, which has substantial non-oil interests, has been dragged down with the others. Of the limited partnerships, which most of these are, only Abjac trades at a premium to its asset value. Having found some quantities of gas, the market views it in a slightly different light.

All the issues have been pulled down by Isramco's halting of their exploration at the Yam-Yafo site. *Being the most liquid and heavily* traded stock, Isramco tends to be the sector's bellwether. The market is basically saying that it does not expect anyone to find commercial quantities of oil.

Although they are being traded well below the value of the cash and securities they hold, the oil shares still appear to present interesting investment opportunities. The problem is that the companies continue to spend their cash on hitherto fruitless exploration and deplete their asset base, thus eliminating the discount to assets.

Some of the general partners of the limited partnerships mentioned above are dedicated to the idea of finding oil. Others are quite happy to take fat management fees and regardless of whether or not they find oil.

But I have a feeling that it is *only a matter of time before one* bright general partner buys up a big chunk of limited partnership units at rock bottom prices and then declares he has lost faith in the possibility of finding oil. He would therefore wind up the partnership and return its assets (i.e., cash) to unit holders, making a tidy profit in the process.

SCITEX

Scitex is holding steady, but that is about as good as it gets right now. While there are some bright spots – sales picking up nicely in Europe and useful growth, albeit off a low base, in the Far East – fierce competition has stalled sales growth in the US and margins are in retreat.

Overall, gross margins are down to 52.6%, from 54% in last year's comparable quarter, with a small rise in the sales business and a three point drop on the service and supplies side, despite top-line growth.

Despite CEO Arie Rosenfeld's optimistic comments, Scitex has much to prove if it is to regain its growth stock rating. It has yet to demonstrate the success of its acquisition strategy and inventory seems to be moving slowly ($158 million worth was in the balance sheet at the end of the quarter). One wonders, too, if there are any bad debts in the $250 million of receivables.

Shohat rejects kibbutz demands for better debt repayment conditions

JOSE ROSENFELD and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

REJECTING kibbutz movement demands for more generous debt repayment conditions, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday said he will adopt the more stringent parameters recommended by the Swary committee on the follow-up kibbutz debt arrangement.

Shohat noted that he agreed to increase the size of the rescue package by NIS 200 million to provide incentives to kibbutzim located in the country's periphery and at the borders.

Shohat met yesterday with kibbutz movement leaders, kibbutz arrangement administration chairman Ariel Halperin and Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur to present them with the principles that will guide his decision on the follow-up kibbutz debt arrangement.

He said that after hearing from everyone involved, he has decided that the Swary report will form the basis for his decision that will be finalized in two weeks.

The NIS 5.8 billion rescue proposal by Swary calls for forgiving debt and rescheduling the kibbutzim's debt payments under conditions established in the first arrangement in 1989.

Shohat rejected the demands of the kibbutzim for more generous *depreciation rates which would* improve their repayment capacity and for the government to cover their social welfare and pension payments. He said that those demands would raise the cost of the aid package by NIS 3b.

The finance minister said he supports the Swary's report recommendation for a 3 percent depreciation rate, pointing to the fact that the establishment of an investment fund, the banks' guarantee on credit to kibbutzim and the increase of incentives as called for by the report all contribute to the kibbutzim's repayment capacity.

Shohat added that the government does not plan to get involved in dealing with kibbutz members' social benefits and pensions and that the kibbutzim would have the full responsibility for those matters.

He made clear that the arrangement relies on the premise that the economically healthier kibbutzim will help the weaker ones financially or by means of land sales.

A joint committee consisting of Swary, Halperin and kibbutz representatives will formulate a common position within two weeks and present it to Shohat, who will then bring up his proposal for cabinet approval.

The *Ministry of Agriculture* said Shohat's decision to establish a fund to help the kibbutzim is a step in the right direction.

"The minister said he will not deviate from the Swari report but establishing a fund to help kibbutzim in the peripheral areas is a deviation," said a spokesperson for the Ministry of Agriculture. "We expect the final agreement will be based on Swari's proposals and include some of the Ministry of Agriculture's recommendations."

The spokesperson said Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur has recommended the government in*vest NIS 1.5m. to help the kibbut*zim repay their debts. Tsur has recommended kibbutzim situated in the center of the country sell land to pay back debts.

FIBI extends mortgage plan

First International Bank mortgage banks announced they are extending their Mortgage Option plan. The bank is offering 15-year mortgage loans via the cheaper of two routes: a linked mortgage at a 4.8% interest rate, *or an unlinked mortgage* at 125% of the prime rate.

Tax on imported cigarettes increased

JOSE ROSENFELD

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday signed an order increasing the purchase tax on imported cigarettes that will push up the price of a pack by 35 to 40 agurot, the Treasury reported yesterday.

Although the effective tax on imported cigarettes will be raised by about 14 percent, the price of local cigarettes will remain unchanged. The order requires the approval *of the Industry* and Trade Ministry.

The Treasury raised the tax due to the relative erosion in the tax rate on imported cigarettes compared to local production taxes. The change also reflects a decision by Shohat to eliminate government interference in the local cigarette market by means of taxes.

***According to the policy that was* established in 1987, taxes on imported cigarettes were aimed to preserve 75% of the market for local cigarettes. In order to keep this ratio, taxes on imported cigarettes had to be adjusted frequently.**

Beginning next week, when the order becomes effective, the demand for local and imported cigarettes will be determined by consumers, as the tax will remain constant.

State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai noted that the change fits with the government policy oppos*ing control of the market by a sin*gle producer and promotes greater competition without tax interference.

Cigarette tax revenues currently total NIS 900 million annually. The change is expected to bring an additional *NIS 20m. into the Trea*sury coffers.

Galit Lipkis adds:

Cigarette importers said they will continue to fight for fair competition in reaction to the Treasury's decision to raise purchase taxes on imported cigarettes.

"We will continue in our battle for fair competition. The Finance Committee has the final word on changes in cigarette prices," said Oded Eliasher, manager of the Menashe Eliacher company which *imports most of Israel's foreign* brands of cigarettes.

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Notice to Those who Registered at Beit Shemesh

This notice is addressed to those who went to the offices of Beit Shemesh Municipality on November 7, 1994, and who placed their names on a list, which they themselves prepared, and which was submitted at 12 noon to the secretariat of the Municipality (and of which a copy was found at the offices of the Administration). The Administration advises those whose names appear on this list, as follows:
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Those whose names appear on this list, and who wish so to do should come to the offices of the Israel Lands Administration, Jerusalem Region, 34 Ben Yehuda St., 12th floor, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on November 16, 1994, or on a later day, *but not after* 12 noon on November 24, 1994, *bringing* with them their identity card and a deposit in the form of a bank check or bank guarantee for NIS3,000.
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Trade deficit more than doubled last month

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE trade deficit more than doubled last month to $791 million as imports shot up 55% and *exports rose 35%, the Central* Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Imports grew impressively to a record $2.246 billion from $1.449b. in September, while exports expanded to $1.455b. from $1.079b.

During the first 10 months of the year, the trade gap widened by $1.2b. or 22% over the same period last year. Imports jumped by $2.6b., while exports grew a more moderate $1.4b.

Seasonally adjusted figures for the preceding four months show that exports were flat, after growing 10.5% from March through June.

Industrial exports, excluding diamonds, were unchanged from July through October compared *to the previous four months.* Chemical exports tumbled 9%, and machine and electronic exports – which make up nearly half of all industrial exports – remained flat.

By contrast, mining and quarrying, paper and wood exports shot up between 15% and 16%. The remaining sectors registered rises of between 4% and 5%.

Imports, excluding diamonds, fell a *slight 1.4%* in the previous four months, after growing 7.5% in the previous third.

Consumer imports inched up 2% after jumping 8.6% in the preceding four months. Car imports rose 5%, while electric appliance imports grew 2% and non-durable consumer goods imports were flat.

Production input imports, excluding diamonds, rose 2% after growing 5.5% in the previous third of the year. There was a marked increase of 17% in imports of non-metalic and precious metals. By contrast, there was a sharp 11% drop in wood and wood product and raw food *imports.*

About 30% of the $900m. rise in exports in the past 10 months, went to Asia, 25% to the US and 15% to the European Union.

David Rockefeller here on quick visit

NEIL COHEN

AMERICAN tycoon David Rockefeller yesterday arrived for a lightning visit to this country, his first since the early eighties.

Rockefeller flew in to Atarot on his private jet yesterday afternoon. He was then escorted by his long-standing friend Teddy Kollek on a visit to the Israel Museum, and held a series of *meetings and a cocktail party for* senior bankers and government officials. This morning, he will leave for Jordan.

Rockefeller's visit was timed to coincide with the arrival here of senior officials of major US moneycenter bank Chase Manhattan. Rockefeller, who is now largely retired, was previously the chairman of the bank and now serves as chairman of its international advisory board.

Chase Manhattan is investigating the possibility of setting up a representative office in this country although Rockefeller refused to confirm or deny this.

Police investigating whether rival agents interfered with Direct Insurance operations

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE police are investigating two insurance agents suspected of interfering with Direct Insurance's marketing of insurance policies, company manager Yehoshua Agassi said yesterday.

Agassi said the insurance agents are suspected of telephone harassment and execution of fictitious telephone transactions. Agassi filed the complaint with the police last week after the company's phone *system collapsed in reaction* to a flood of telephone calls.

Direct Insurance is the first company to directly sell insurance here, eliminating agents' fees. The company, which started to operate at the start of the month, sells its policies by means of telemarketing.

Insurance companies have *started to reduce premiums on* automobile insurance policies in an attempt to compete with Direct Insurance. Many agents have complained to insurance companies about difficulties in selling policies at existing premiums.

"'We will always offer insurance at a price 20% lower than other companies. I know of many situations where a customer has called us for a price offer and then gone back to his agent and demanded the same price," said Agassi. "I think insurance companies decision to reduce premiums was expected but they are likely to suffer large losses. For example, a 10% reduction in premiums is expected to cost companies about $100m."

Insurance sources claim agents will have to reduce commissions in order to continue to compete in the automobile insurance sector. The manager of one of the large insurance companies predicted agents' commissions from the automobile field will be cut within a year to 10% of the total premium, from 20% today.

Earlier this week the Association of Insurance Agents petitioned the High Court of Justice asking the court to stop direct marketing of insurance policies until the Finance Minister reconsiders the advantages and disadvantages of the marketing method.

WORLD MARKET REPORTS

- The historic capture of Congress by the Republican Party prompted a "Republican rally" in the financial markets. We took the view that this would prove short-lived, because it would weaken US decision-making and possibly allow the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates higher than previously expected. Our clients either took profits, or did not chase prices. The central focus remains next week's FOMC meeting - the Fed is expected to increase rates by 50-100 bps.
- The German *bund* market rally also was not sustained, and we expect some further *weakness before the advance is resumed. The technical and fundamental outlook* for UK gilts is favorable, with good support at 101-03 on the long gilt future. Unlike the Fed, the Bank of England is "ahead of the curve" with the interest rate increases, and a fiscally-prudent budget will further enhance the attraction of sterling assets.
- The UK FT-SE 100 Index has been making lower highs and higher lows over the past few months, indicating that it is approaching a significant break-out. The long-dated gilt outlook suggests it will be upwards, but this depends on events in the US.
- *The Cable and Wireless results were up to best expectations, but its Mercury* subsidiary has some problems. The Group soon will present its strategy for Mercury, and until then, our buyers will go on hold.
- Hong Kong will remain quiet until the expected US rate rise. Sentiment is still cautious, and the technical picture bearish. Kuala Lumpur continues to suffer from margin call forced selling, but Singapore seems more resilient above 2300.
- In South Africa, gold bullion is trapped in a range that has held since mid-*November, with physical demand and producer buying providing support, and* resistance at $385/oz. being provided by the prospect of US rate rises. There is a fear that the bullion price may drop through $378/oz., which would be regarded as a major sell signal for gold shares. We have seen liquidations from the US gold mutual funds.
- Our clients are generally awaiting Fed action before investment decisions.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bezek to purchase shares in Netcom: Bezek yesterday informed *the Tel Aviv Stock* Exchange that it was negotiating to purchase 25 percent of Netcom shares for $2.5 million. The talks were made possible after Bezek's board of directors approved the company's entrance into local telecommunications networks.

Cooperation between the two companies, Bezek said last night, will allow a general solution to applications of computer communications based on some of the most advanced equipment in the world. *Bezek will have an option of purchasing an additional* 25 percent more of Netcom's shares over a period of two years for the same price.

Netcom deals with Local Area Network systems, which involves the transmission of data among computers located in various parts of the country.

Venture to produce electricity from natural gas: A partnership agreement has been formed between Abjac Mazal and Power and Heat Technologies. The joint venture will develop projects for generating electricity using natural gas as a power source. Abjac Mazal will supply gas to PHT at market rates.

Abjac Mazal has a suit pending against the TASE in connection with gas powered electricity ventures. Abjac Mazal further announced that should its suit against the TASE prove successful, it would receive all rights and obligations resulting from the joint venture.

Harish standards bill stricter than Treasury's

JOSE ROSENFELD

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Micha Harish will bring the cabinet a proposal on Sunday to change the country's product standards legislation that comes short of the Treasury's plan to eliminate non-tariff barriers (NTBs) protecting local producers from foreign competition.

Harish will recommend the adoption of international standards to take full advantage of trade agreements and to open international markets to local products. *Official standards will* only be adopted to protect public health, safety and environmental protection. In addition, the Industry and Trade minister will be entitled to set official standards aimed at increasing economic efficiency, ensuring product quality and protecting consumers.

Imports subject to official product standards will be allowed into Israel based on documentation provided by testing laboratories in the country of origin, should it sign an agreement with Israel mutually recognizing each other's testing labs.

Under the proposal, product quality requirements determined by other ministries will be imposed by means of product standards, and not by decree.

The Treasury recommended as part of its structural reform package for next year, that official standards only apply to public health, safety and environmental protection. Products meeting the standards set by developed nations would not be required to meet local standards.

Harish rejected the Treasury's proposal for failing to require the country's trading partners to mutually accept local product standards. Harish said the one-sided acceptance of foreign standards would mean endangering citizen's safety, health, environment and consumer interests.

The Treasury responded that the elimination of standards that serve as NTBs, will lead to lower local prices as a result of greater competition from imports.

Standards will be equally enforced on local product and on imports. In order to eliminate discrimination against imported goods, all enforcement activities will be aimed at the marketing points, instead of at the ports.

Harish proposes to create a division in his ministry that will enforce standards. In light of the autonomy agreement, the new division will require 40 inspectors which will perform checks based on complaints or as part of planned inspection raids.

The plan will recommend turning *the Standards Institute* into the National Standards and Quality Institute, which will help set the quality standards of goods and safety systems.

Scitex reports dip in profits in wake of expansion

RACHEL NEIMAN

SCITEX yesterday reported a 32 percent drop in third quarter net profits to $12.2m. from the $18m. it earned in the same period last year. Quarterly revenues were $176m. *or 8.4% higher than* the $161.7m. reported in the comparative period.

Net profit for the first three quarters was $43.7m. as compared with $75.2m. Revenues were $509.9m., up from $450.7m.

Third quarter earnings per share were $0.29 as compared with $0.42.

In September the company acquired the California-based ImMIX, a leading vendor of non-linear video editing systems, *heralding Scitex's expansion into* the field of visual information communication.

Without the acquisition charges the company said it would have reported third quarter net profits of $18.1m. or $0.45 per share.

Scitex president Arie Rosenfeld said he was pleased with results, pointing out that " excluding the $8m. charged to research and development as part of the ImMIX acquisition, the results would have indicated a 6% earnings increase over last year and operating margins in excess of 12%."

European revenues grew 13% to $510m., US revenues declined 4% to $90m., Japan revenues increased by 47% to $15m. and revenues on the rest of the world went up 69% to $11m.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (10.11.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.000	5.875	6.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.500	5.000	5.750
German *mark* (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.250	4.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.875	3.000	3.875
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (10.11.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep.
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Rates**
Currency basket	3.3490	3.3960	—	—	3.3761
U.S. dollar	2.9762	3.0161	2.92	3.06	3.0020
German mark	1.9510	1.9764	1.92	2.01	1.9655
Pound sterling	4.7661	4.8625	4.68	4.91	4.8282
French franc	0.5672	0.5752	0.55	0.58	0.5717
Japanese yen (100)	3.0509	3.0939	2.99	3.14	3.0719
Dutch florin	1.7391	1.7696	1.71	1.79	1.7524
Swiss franc	2.3292	2.3620	2.29	2.39	2.3453
Swedish krona	0.4060	0.4137	0.40	0.42	0.4102
Norwegian krone	0.4462	0.4525	0.44	0.46	0.4495
Danish krone	0.4984	0.5054	0.48	0.51	0.5019
Finnish mark	0.6399	0.6489	0.63	0.66	0.6427
Canadian dollar	2.1911	2.2220	2.15	2.25	2.2113
Australian dollar	2.2435	2.2750	2.16	2.28	2.2646
S. African rand	0.8458	0.8577	0.76	0.88	0.8530
Belgian franc (10)	0.9474	0.9607	0.93	0.97	0.9562
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7724	2.8115	2.72	2.85	2.7931
Italian lira (1000)	1.8996	1.9265	1.86	1.96	1.9130
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.21	4.47	4.2779
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.97	1.02	0.9806
ECU	3.7119	3.7642	—	—	3.7397
Irish punt	4.7018	4.7680	4.59	4.87	4.7439
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3435	2.3765	2.28	2.43	2.3598

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	...NIS 3.0020	-0.27%
Sterling	......NIS 4.8262	-0.46%
Mark	..........NIS 1.9655	-0.64%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3821.99	-9.76
DJ Transport	1463.44	-3.73
DJ Utils	177.5	+0.07
DJ Comp	1275.9	-2.75
NYSE Industr	321.95	-0.6
NYSE Transport	229.11	-0.89
NYSE Comp	254.35	-0.66
S&P 100	432.29	-0.88
S&P Spot Index	464.35	-1.07
AMEX Comp	449.59	-1.86

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+760	802	1336

Volume up (in 1000's) 97200

Volume down (in 1000's) 138082

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3103.5	+3.9
Tokyo Nikkei average	19264.8	-159
Singapore all-share index	587.25	-3.74
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9390.76	-14.72
Israel index	111.54	-1.31

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	48.5	0
Ampal A	7.625	-0.125
Aryt	1.8125	0
BioTechnology	1.75	-0.0625
Carmel Cont	8.25	-0.125
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.8125	0
Elscint	2.125	+0.125
Etz Lavud	8.5	+0
Etz Lavud A	6.75	+0.125
Laser T.	5.375	-0.125
PEC	28.25	+0.375
Tadiran	21.5	+0.5
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	8.5	-0.25
4TH. Dimension	5.5	-0.25
Ampal 6.5	22	-0.5
BVR	6.625	-0.0625
Converse	12.375	-0.625
Data (Defense)	6.75	+0
ECI	18.8125	-0.0625
Edunetics	2.1875	+0
Edu-Soft	8.25	-0.375
Electric Fuel	6.125	-0.25
EFFI	26.875	+0.125
Elbit	22.5	+0
Elron	8.375	-0.75
Eshed Robotec	0.5625	+0
Fibronix	0.9062	-0.125
M. Systems	4.125	+0.125
Gilat	14.125	-0.125
ISG	2.875	-0.125
Geotek	8.875	+0
Health Tech	1.875	+0
Idan	0.875	-0.03125
IIS	3.0625	-0.125
Indigo	16.875	-0.125
Interpharm	15.5	0
Isramco	1.4375	+0.03125
First Isr Fund	12.5	-0.125
Isotek	0.4375	-0.03125
Lannet	15.5	+0.25
Lanoptics	8.75	-0.5
Magal	4.875	+0.75
Media-Al	2	-0.875
Mercury	14.625	+0.125
Magic	8.5	+0.25
Orbotech	8.75	-0.25
Osicap Tech	2.625	+0.125
Rada	4	-0.125
Robomatics	1.9375	0
Sapiens	2.9375	+0
Scitex	20.375	-1.25
Silicom	3.125	-0.0625
T.A.T. Technol	2.875	-0.375
Taro Vit	8.375	-0.0625
Teledata	5.59375	+0.21875
Telegraph	4.375	+0.125
Teva	27	-0.1875
TVG	1.125	-0.0625

(All listings are closing quotes)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Data 10-NOV-94)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.6031	-0.0031
	Dec.future (CME)	1.5992	-0.003
D-mark:	spot	1.5264	+0.0018
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6553	-0.0011
S-franc:	spot	1.2821	+0.0008
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7794	-0.0014
Yen:	spot	97.7	+0.09
	Dec.future (CME)	0.010255	+3e-006
CanDlr:	spot	1.3596	+0.0028
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7365	-0.0018
AusDlr:	spot	0.7552	+0.0011
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7539	+0.0001
F-franc:	spot	5.2553	+0.0138
It Lira:	spot	1566.5	-1
Nlg:	spot	1.7149	+0.003
AuShig:	spot	10.805	+0.05
Rand:	spot	3.522	+0.0075
ECU:	spot	1.245	-0.001
Bonds	future	96.5938	-0.59375
S and P	future	465.25	-0.65

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.8125	0
Dollar	6 months	6.125	0
Dollar	12 months	-	-
Sterling	3 months	6.125	0
Sterling	6 months	6.5625	0
Sterling	12 months	7.375	0
S-franc	3 months	4	+0
S-franc	6 months	-	-
S-franc	12 months	4.5	0
D-mark	3 months	5.1562	0
D-mark	6 months	5.25	0
D-mark	12 months	5.6562	+0
Yen	3 months	2.375	0
Yen	6 months	2.5	0
Yen	12 months	2.875	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CSC)	1290	-1
Coffee (Dec) (CSC)	185.85	-3.05
Sugar no.11 (Mar.) (CSC)	13.28	+0.11
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	378.75	-1.5
Soybeans(Jan)(CBOT)	566.75	-3.25
Orange juice (Jan)(CEC)	112.55	-0.5
Crude oil light (Dec)(CEC)	18.19	+0.08

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	957	-2
Coffee (Jan) (LCE)	3805	-7
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1729	+7

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	386.2	+1.4
Silver:	spot	5.18	+0.06

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	388.9	+1.4
Silver (Dec)	5.175	+0.057
Platinum (Jan.)	411.1	+2.2
Palladium (Dec.)	155.75	+0.85
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.2335	+0.0085

London metal fixes*

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	384.3	-0.05
Gold PM fix	384.2	+0.6
Silver fix	513.5	-8.5
Platinum PM fix	407.75	-1

Month in parenthesis signals contract exp. date*

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FratinW2	2959	-5.0
General	8496	-1.3
IndDevOD		
IndDvPrO		
LeumiW1		
MeritC	191.50	-1.5
OHH	114891	
Trade	731	-1.2
TradeC	184.00	-0.8

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	326204	0.8
Carmel	802	-2.0
CarmC3	271	
DevMB	18091	-1.5
FirstMB	34376	-0.5
IndepMB	82337	-5.7
J IsmC	128.00	
JerBnk	279	-9.1
LeumiMBR	86874	-5.0
MishkanC	191.50	
Mizrav	7173	-7.0
TefahotR	185869	

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiton	7653	

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsradIr1	1049	-3.8
Ararat	1267	-2.0
Ayalon	818	-1.3
AyalonC	385	-0.5
Elaa	271	
ElaaC1	191.00	-1.0
Hadar1	1008	-1.5
Hadar5	1000	-1.6
HassnharC	185.50	
Hassnhar1	1285	
Hassnhar5	1227	
Menorah1	966	-4.0
Menorah5	914	-3.0
Phoenix1	2382	-2.0
Phoenix5	2309	-5.0
Sahar	413	
Zion5	8812	1.3

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashmira	808	-1.0

Argaman	493	-4.1
AryiC1	85.00	
Ashply	1730	-6.0
Ashplyc1	168.50	
AshplyW2	822	-18.3
AshtromW1		
Ashtrom	408	-1.0
Atzmon	377	
AtzmonW1	197.00	
Azimuth	495	
Belmon	525	1.5
BoulosC1	187.50	
Cables C2	253	1.9
CablesC3	127.00	
CablesW3	326	-0.9
Caraline	1063	-2.0
Cargal	1575	
Casino	1461	0.5
Chem	587	-0.5
CldStC	271	-2.2
CldSr0.1	2297	0.5
Clind C8	184.50	-2.0
CycloneW	4186	-5.0
Cyclone1	11250	
Cyclone5	9777	
CyclonC1	161.50	
CyclonC2	125.00	
Dafcond	184.50	
DafronW2	1671	
Dafron1	3563	0.3
Decision	445	-4.9
Degem1	1111	
Delta 1	1551	
Delta5	1508	0.7
DubekB	10388	
DubekR	10625	
EagleC		
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	38.90	
Eagle1	92.00	
Edgar.	345	
EdgarC2	133.50	
EdenTec	74.00	-0.7
ElbitW1	9701	-4.0
Elcoind	5257	
Elctrics	775	
ElcoW1	1.00	
Elctr 0.5	8614	-1.2
ElectrG4	293	
EliteC	271	-0.7
ElhdRbtc	354	
Evrot	322	-1.8
Fertiz5	2042	0.2
Fert0.1	2479	
FeuchtW1	6393	
FeuchtW5	5817	
Five J	289	
FrutarC1	208	-1.0
FrutarC2	191.00	-2.6
GiborC1	95.50	-1.7
GiborSab	481	1.7
GiborW2	498	

TATC1	185.50	
TAT1	424	-10.0
Unibar1	1165	
Unibar5	307	
Vitalgo1	700	-8.7
Vulcan	257	
VulcanC	165.50	
Wardinon	17292	
WardnW3	9863	-5.0
YtongC2	390	
Zahavi	305	
Zika1	1715	-8.0
Zika5	1688	-3.0
Ziki1	4404	-1.0
Ziki5	4249	
ZionCab1	847	-6.0
Zoharind	474	-3.5

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
[illegible]	215	-1.8
[illegible]	363	1.1
[illegible]	377	-4.1
[illegible]	91524	-0.2
y.stang	205	-4.7
Airov	1782	-1.0
AirovC		
AirovW1L	364	-18.7
Arazim	225	-0.9
Arazim C1	174.00	
Ariadan1	1165	-1.8
Asis	2390	-2.2
AsisC4	178.50	
AsisW2	901	-5.5
Assuta	1190	-0.5
AssutaC1	237	-2.1
AzorprC1	281	
AzorProp	840	0.5
Barano1	1405	0.5
Bayside5	31044	0.4
BaysidC1	31845	-0.5
BenYaKar	2372	-2.0
BenYaKW1	829	-0.5
BenYharC	90.00	
BldgRes	4853	-1.3
Contrctr	1597	1.0
DanKner	1537	-6.0
DanKnerC	182.50	-1.4
Darad1	247	
Dunbar	5231	-2.6
DunbarCw	385	
Engel	544	-6.2
GoldHous	379	-1.1
GldHousC	193.50	0.9
Ispro	3051	-0.5
Israloz	2025	
IsralozC	214	
IsrasC1	187.00	2.9
Israel0.5	5522	-2.0

Two-sided trading

THE PEOPLE YOU CAN TALK TO.

SOURCE: ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Prices down but turnover up on TASE

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO

Two-Sided index	Maof index	Karam index
184.09	188.28	159.79
-0.60%	-0.42%	-1.25%

THE bad news of the day was that prices closed generally lower: the Two-Sided was down 0.6% at 184.09, the Maof down 0.4% at 188.28 and the Karam down 1.25% at 159.79.

The good news was that turnovers were up, at NIS 144.3 million. This was the first time in recent weeks that the Two-Sided market, including the Meretz market, posted a turnover of more than NIS 100 million. A total of 56% of all securities traded posted declines.

The market declined sharply during the first two hours of trading and by 2 p.m., the Maof was posting a decline of slightly more than 1%. As has often happened of late, the mood changed and buyers appeared. There was speculation that those buyers were actually arbitraging between the Maof options market and the 25 securities which make up the index. November is, after all, an options month and we might witness interesting activity during the rest of the month.

The trading on the Two-Sided market was marked by sharp moves up and down. Teva was the object of much investor interest and its price rose by 4%. There were reports that foreign investors were quietly picking up that share, partly as a result of favorable reports by US analysts. Turnover in the share amounted to NIS 15.9 million.

Osem declined by 5% on a turnover of NIS 1.1 million.

The oil exploration issues were mixed: Isramco showed some life after all and rose 7.5% to close at 5.7 agorot. Abjack closed 7% lower at 20 agorot and Avner was down 1.4% at 6.9 agorot. Hanal declined 9.3% to close at 8.8 agorot. This seems to be the right sector for those interested in the Israeli equivalent of penny stocks.

Petrochemicals were up 3% following the positive third quarter reports. Note that there were few investors who were actually surprised by the reports. The company makes only two products which are sold on international markets at a price which can be known by all. Knowing the price of ethylene on international markets enables one to know with a fair degree of certainty the bottom line of Petrochemicals. The same applies to TAP Frutarom and the price of PVC.

The mood on the market floor and among investors remains despondent in spite of the higher turnover. Foreign investors are now seen as the salvation of the market, since the Israeli investor is sulking and staying away from it. The mutual funds reported that they suffered small redemptions. This might be a welcome piece of news for the incurable optimist. Small redemptions coming day after day end up significantly weakening the market.

Stocks jump after US inflation drop

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – Here is how major world stock markets ended yesterday.

LONDON – British shares closed with marginal gains, with the leading share index managing to close above 3,100 for the first time since November 3. The FTSE 100-share index closed up 3.9 points at 3,103.5.

FRANKFURT – German share and DAX futures prices jumped on news that US producer prices fell 0.5 percent in October. The market had expected a 0.1 percent rise. The DAX-30 index closed at 2,083.14, down 7.64 points. In post-bourse trade the DAX index rose 7.26 to 2,098.04.

PARIS – French shares closed higher for a third consecutive day after the US producer price figures revived a market which had slipped on profit-taking. The CAC-40 index closed up 4.49 points or 0.23 percent to 1,948.35.

ZURICH – Swiss shares ended slightly higher in moderately active business, better than expected US producer price data triggered a late rally. The broad SPI index added 6.18 to close at 1,711.03.

TOKYO – Stocks ended lower on broad-based selling triggered by the continued weakness of a big recent listing and fears of political instability in the US following Wednesday's mid-term elections. Technical indicators also pushed share prices lower. Dealers said that the market is much weaker than the Nikkei average and other indices suggest. The Nikkei ended today off 159.03 points or 0.82 percent at 19,264.85.

HONG KONG – Hong Kong stocks ended lower after a dull trading day as investors sat on their hands while waiting out an expected US interest rate increase. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index ended 14.72 points lower at 9,390.76.

SYDNEY – Australian shares closed weaker [illegible] turnover after a whippy trading session which was blamed on a lack of clear direction from offshore markets on Wednesday. The All Ordinaries index ended 11.3 points or 0.57 percent lower at 1971.3, after reaching a high of 1988.2.

JOHANNESBURG – Shares lifted off the morning lows in afternoon trade to close mildly mixed, with little change in the fundamentals of gold and world markets. A soft financial rand offered support, but "general good cheer" limited losses amid a lack of fresh factors, one trader said. The Overall index closed two up at 5,852, industrial index four off at 6,774 and gold index nine down at 2,170.

US stocks lower despite good news

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – The stock market sustained moderate losses yesterday, despite receiving good news that inflation at the wholesale level is moderate.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed slightly lower after shooting up 27 points early in the session and hovering with modest gains for most of the day.

Stocks rose as bonds got a lift from a Labor Department report that the producer price index, a measure of inflation at the wholesale level, plunged 0.5 percent in October. The markets had expected a modest increase of around 0.2%.

But bond prices declined after buyers vacated the fixed-income market ahead of the long weekend, and stocks drifted lower with them. The 30-year bond was down about $4 per $1,000 face value late in the session and yielding 8.14%.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 9.76 to 3,821.99.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by about 5 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 801 up, 1,354 down and 755 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 280.88 million shares as of 4 p.m. against 337.78 million in the previous session.

CURRENCY CROSS RATES

	MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFr	FFr
MARK	—	0.4080/84	63.88/91	0.8392/95	3.4371/76
STERLING	2.4494/04	—	156.48/60	2.0550/74	8.4182/93
YEN	1.5644/57	0.6385/92	—	1.3129/43	5.3768/26
SFr	1.1909/20	0.4860/66	76.10/15	—	4.0932/77
FFr	0.2908/10	0.1187/88	18.56/61	0.2440/43	—

Prices from 23:00 local time

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd.

Iraq recognizes Kuwait and its borders

NICOSIA (AP) – Iraq formally recognized Kuwait as a sovereign state yesterday, abandoning a decades-old territorial claim in a bid to persuade the Western allies to relax an embargo that is stifling the country's economy.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the National Assembly voted for "Iraq's recognition of the sovereignty of the state of Kuwait, its territorial integrity and independence."

Saddam Hussein's ruling Revolutionary Command Council later endorsed the bill, according to a separate dispatch by the agency, monitored in Cyprus.

It was the first time since Kuwait's independence 33 years ago that Baghdad has officially recognized its tiny southern neighbor.

The command council said Iraq's initiative was designed "to stress its resolve to comply with all relevant UN Security Council resolutions, prove its peaceful intentions and dedication to regional stability and security..."

The statement, signed by Saddam, said the decision was effective November 10 and would publised in the next issue of the official Gazette, INA reported.

There was no immediate reaction from Kuwait or its Western allies to the announcement.

The parliamentary session was attended by Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev. He flew into Baghdad on Wednesday to push for the endorsement of UN Security Council Res. 833, which called on Iraq to recognize Kuwait and its new border as demarcated after the emirate's liberation in 1991.

"Let us not forget that there is a wall of ice surrounding Iraq, intended to isolate it, but the sun has now risen to melt this ice," INA reported Kozyrev as saying after the recognition decision was announced. He later left aboard an Aeroflot plane.

INA did not say how many members of the 250-seat house attended Thursday's session, or how the vote was taken. But the move effectively abrogated the post-invasion annexation of Kuwait.

IRA prisoner release axed after fatal shooting

BELFAST (Reuter) – Suspected IRA gunmen killed a postal worker in Northern Ireland yesterday in a bungled hold-up which shattered a 10-week peace and made the Dublin government scrap early release orders for nine IRA prisoners.

The fatal shooting, the first since the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and its Protestant Loyalist foes declared twin cease-fires in September and October, cast a shadow over an Anglo-Irish peace drive for Northern Ireland.

Gerry Adams, head of the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, was reported to be visibly shocked by the news and the party's vice-president, Pat Doherty, said he was disappointed at the Irish government's decision to scrap the release.

Doherty said he was "very disappointed at the decision to rescind the release of the nine prisoners."

"The death of the post office worker in Newry is a tragedy that is heightened by the fact that it has happened at this time. We urge that no one should make hasty judgments about this tragic incident or the arrests."

Security sources said police arrested two men who came from known Catholic Republican families which back the reunification of Protestant-led Northern Ireland with the predominantly Catholic Irish Republic.

The IRA, which fought for 25 years to end British rule, and Protestant Loyalist foes who battled to maintain it have large stocks of arms and explosives which many police officers feared might be used in non-political crime after the cease-fires.

The victim, a middle-aged man, was shot dead in an attempted raid on a Post Office sorting station in Newry, about 50 kilometers south of Belfast along the Irish border.

Police and troops scoured the area, known as "bandit country" because of frequent IRA attacks, for a third man thought to have escaped after the raid.

בס"ד

On the *shloshim* of the passing of

NAHSHON WACHSMAN ז"ל

and

NIR PORAZ ז"ל

the Chief Rabbis of Israel call for a **MASS GATHERING** to pray for the health and immediate release of our MIA's:

Rachamim Alsheich	**Ron Arad**
Zachary Baumel	**Tzvi Feldman**
Yosef Fink	**Yehuda Katz**

Sunday, November 13, 1994
at the **Western Wall Plaza** at 6 p.m.

Chief Rabbi
Israel Lau

Chief Rabbi Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron,
Rishon Lezion

A **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Nahshon and Nir will be held
at the Horev Yeshiva at 4:15 p.m.
2 Aton St., Sanhedria Murhevet, Jerusalem

International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers
Tel. 02-236083, 236091

JULIA MORRIS

passed away peacefully in Ireland in her 93rd year on November 10,1994.

Deeply mourned by her husband, George (Dublin); son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Hilary Morris; daughter and son-in-law, Joan and John Finkel (Dublin); grandchildren and friends.

Shiva at 15 Hate'ena St., Efrat, Tel. 02-932043.

LEAH KATZENBERG

mother of Phyllis, Ian, grandmother of Lisa, Neil,
Pamela and Nadine Waldbaum,
passed away peacefully in Johannesburg,
November 10, 1994.
May You be Received in the Light in Peace and Love.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear father and grandfather

LEON (Lippa) SCHWARTZ

on November 10, 1994 (7 Kislev 5755).
The family will sit shiva at Kibbutz Kfar Etzion.

The Family and Friends

On the occasion of the unveiling of the tombstone of our dear

MOSHE (Pip) DUBSKY

we will meet at the entrance to
Herzliya Cemetery, on Friday,
November 18, 1994, at 11:00 a.m.

The Family

בס"ד

On the seventh *yahrzeit* of

JACOB DAVID SINGER ז"ל

who fell in the line of duty.

We will honor his memory on Wednesday, November 16,
at 3:30 p.m. at Kiryat Shaul Military Cemetery.
An *Erev Iyun* will be held on Tuesday, November 15,
at 8:00 p.m. at the home of the family,
15 Tabenkin St., Ramat Gan.

The Family

Germany outlaws neo-Nazi group

BONN (AP) – Police seized hunting knives, propaganda and bank accounts in nationwide raids on a paramilitary neo-Nazi organization that the government outlawed yesterday.

The group, Viking Youth, favors restoration of a Nazi state.

No arrests were immediately reported in the raids on members' homes, the sharpest blow in months against a fascist organization. Viking Youth is the fourth neo-Nazi group the federal government has outlawed in the past two years.

The Viking Youth has been giving paramilitary training to young Germans and teaching them neo-Nazi beliefs, federal Interior Minister Manfred Kanther said in announcing he was outlawing the organization.

Kanther said the group wants – by force, if necessary – to restore a fascist state in which Jews would be forced to wear yellow stars and people the extremists considered "inferior beings" would be sterilized.

According to the Interior Ministry, group members idolize Adolf Hitler and see themselves as successors of the Hitler Youth, a Nazi-era youth organization. Viking Youth uniforms are similar to those of the Hitler Youth.

Led by 30-year-old Wolfram Nahrath, called the "federal fuehrer," the Viking Youth has about 400 members, federal authorities said.

Dieter Heckelmann, Berlin's interior minister, said the Viking Youth has been acting as a link between members of neo-Nazi groups that have previously been banned. He said Viking Youth is part of a network of "right-wing extremists and neo-Nazis whose ties to one another are growing."

Sri Lanka's president: I'll keep talking

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) – After winning a presidential election with a record margin, Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Chandrika Kumaratunga vowed yesterday to keep talking to rebels fighting for an independent nation in the north and the east.

The month-long election campaign was marred by the violent assassination of the main opposition candidate, Gamini Dissanayake, and Kumaratunga's landslide victory was being seen as a mandate for peace from the island's diverse ethnic groups.

But hours after her victory was announced, the opposition United National Party accused her bnxanssing and intimidating voters to win the elections.

At least 63 people had died during the campaigning, 57 in the bomb explosion that killed Gamini Dissanayake.

"The violence and harassment has been widespread and systematic and continues even after the poll," said former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe, who is now the leader of the opposition in Parliament.

"We have come to the end of a dark tunnel, and can now march toward an era of freedom and light," Kumaratunga said.

Israel supporters take wait-and-see attitude

ANALYSIS

HILLEL KUTTLER, WASHINGTON

TUESDAY'S huge Republican congressional victories may have Democrats up-in-arms, but Israel's supporters see opportunities to educate new members on the Washington-Jerusalem alliance.

"Especially for the last two years, in anticipation of the enormously volatile takeover and a tremendous turnover. AIPAC heightened its already active effort to reach out to candidates on both sides of the aisle," said Toby Dershowitz, spokesperson for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "We were ready."

Each of the 11 new Senators, for example, has produced a position paper supporting the US-Israeli relationship, and eight of them have visited Israel. Among the former is Spencer Abraham, a Michigan Republican who is of Lebanese descent.

The importance of constantly educating potential and current officeholders, Israel supporters here say, is illustrated in the fact that one-half of the incoming Congress will have been elected in just the last five years.

Those Republicans entering the new Congress, they add, will no doubt be prodded to support Israel by such vocal colleagues as Newt Gingrich, the Georgia congressman and Republican whip who will become speaker of the House.

And Robert Dole, possibly the next Senate majority leader, is likely to reach out to the Jewish community and improve on his mixed record on Israel should he decide to make a run for the Presidency in 1996.

While outgoing Democratic speaker Thomas Foley was in their corner, "this is one area we could not be better positioned," said an Israel supporter here of the combative Gingrich.

"In terms of Israel's $3 billion aid [package], I think that will not be in jeopardy," especially after concerns that the last Congress would seek a cutback, said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "The incoming members will be supportive of Israel and foreign aid."

Not only were such longtime pro-Israel Senate allies as Connie Mack (R-Florida) and Edward Kennedy (D-Massachusetts) re-elected, but others – all Republican – are set to move into powerful committee chairmanships.

Included are Kentucky's Mitch McConnell, who will take over the Foreign Operations subcommittee, which controls the foreign aid budget; Robert Packwood of Oregon on the Finance Committee; and Mark Hatfield, also of Oregon, on Appropriations.

And then there is the rambunctious Jesse Helms (North Carolina), angling for the Foreign Relations Committee. Helms and New York's Al D'Amato (new head of the Banking Committee), are outspokenly pro-Israel and are liable to torpedo any administration attempt to introduce US troops on the Golan Heights as part of an Israeli-Syrian deal.

"On the fundamental level, the effect on the peace process is only at the margins because support for Israel and the peace process has always been bipartisan. But [Republican gains] will bolster Likud's strategy of attacking Rabin's peacemaking by making an end-run through Congress," said Tom Smerling, director of Project Nishma, a group supporting the peace process.

But, said Herb Zweibon, chairman of Americans For a Safe Israel, Helms has "not only an intellectual connection but an emotional connection" to Israel, and will be a positive addition.

Among strongly pro-Israel chairs on the House side will be John Kasich (Ohio) of the Budget Committee and Benjamin Gilman (New York) on Foreign Affairs.

The governors' race

ALABAMA, 99% –Rep Gain
Jim Folsom, Dem (i) 590,091 – 50%
x Fob James Jr., Rep 601,822 – 50%

ALASKA, 96% –Open
Tony Knowles, Dem 74,925 – 41%
James Campbell, Rep 75,444 – 41%
John Coghill, Oth 23,969 – 13%

ARIZONA, 99%
Eddie Basha, Dem 484,307 – 44%
x Fife Symington, Rep (i) 570,501 – 52%

ARKANSAS, 100%
x Jim Guy Tucker, Dem (i) 427,970 – 60%
Sheffield Nelson, Rep 287,649 – 40%

CALIFORNIA, 100%
Kathleen Brown, Dem 3,191,428 – 40%
x Pete Wilson, Rep (i) 4,357,713 – 55%

COLORADO, 100%
x Roy Romer, Dem (i) 616,521 – 55%
Bruce Benson, Rep 430,252 – 39%

CONN., 100% –Open–Rep Gain
Bill Curry, Dem 372,210 – 33%
x John Rowland, Rep 411,887 – 36%
Eunice Groark, Oth 215,596 – 19%
Tom Scott, Oth 128,516 – 11%

FLORIDA, 99%
x Lawton Chiles, Dem (i) 2,125,984 – 51%
Jeb Bush, Rep 2,051,407 – 49%

GEORGIA, 100%
x Zell Miller, Dem (i) 787,835 – 51%
Guy Millner, Rep 756,412 – 49%

HAWAII, 100% –Open
x Ben Cayetano, Dem 134,978 – 37%
Patricia Saiki, Rep 107,908 – 29%
Frank Fasi, Oth 113,158 – 31%

IDAHO, 99% –Open–Rep Gain
Larry EchoHawk, Dem 181,471 – 44%
x Phil Batt, Rep 215,751 – 52%

ILLINOIS, 100%
Dawn Clark Netsch, Dem 1,051,068 – 34%
x Jim Edgar, Rep (i) 1,973,239 – 64%

IOWA, 100%
Bonnie Campbell, Dem 411,495 – 42%
x Terry Branstad, Rep (i) 562,918 – 57%

KANSAS, 100% –Open–Rep Gain
Jim Slattery, Dem 294,516 – 36%
x Bill Graves, Rep 524,624 – 64%

MAINE, 99% –Open–Oth Gain
Joseph Brennan, Dem 171,787 – 34%
Susan Collins, Rep 116,344 – 23%
x Angus King, Oth 178,606 – 36%

MARYLAND, 100% –Open
Parris Glendening, Dem 683,995 – 50%
Ellen Sauerbrey, Rep 677,808 – 50%

MASSACHUSETTS, 99%
Mark Roosevelt, Dem 606,648 – 28%
x William Weld, Rep (i) 1,521,561 – 71%

MICHIGAN, 99%
Howard Wolpe, Dem 1,186,559 – 39%
x John Engler, Rep (i) 1,893,520 – 61%

MINNESOTA, 100%
John Marty, Dem 591,350 – 34%
x Arne Carlson, Rep (i) 1,101,345 – 63%

NEBRASKA, 100%
x Ben Nelson, Dem (i) 420,049 – 74%
Gene Spence, Rep 146,971 – 26%

NEVADA, 100%
x Bob Miller, Dem (i) 199,891 – 53%
Jim Gibbons, Rep 156,637 – 41%

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 100%
Wayne King, Dem 79,493 – 26%
x Steve Merrill, Rep (i) 216,755 – 70%

NEW MEXICO, 99% –Rep Gain
Bruce King, Dem (i) 182,154 – 40%
x Gary Johnson, Rep 224,411 – 49%
Roberto Mondragon, Oth 47,080 – 10%

NEW YORK, 99% –Rep Gain
Mario Cuomo, Dem (i) 2,286,117 – 45%
x George Pataki, Rep 2,477,882 – 49%

OHIO, 100%
Robert Burch Jr., Dem 829,859 – 25%
x George Voinovich, Rep (i) 2,382,591 – 72%

OKLAHOMA, 100% –Open–Rep Gain
Jack Mildren, Dem 294,936 – 30%
x Frank Keating, Rep 466,740 – 47%
Wes Watkins, Oth 233,336 – 23%

OREGON, 99% –Open
x John Kitzhaber, Dem 501,539 – 53%
Denny Smith, Rep 386,484 – 41%

PENNSYLVANIA, 99% –Open–Rep Gain
Mark Singel, Dem 1,422,072 – 40%
x Thomas Ridge, Rep 1,622,835 – 45%
Peg Luksik, Oth 458,206 – 13%

RHODE ISLAND, 99% –Open–Rep Gain
Myrth York, Dem 151,861 – 44%
x Lincoln Almond, Rep 164,130 – 47%

SOUTH CAROLINA, 100% –Open
Nick Theodore, Dem 446,289 – 48%
x David Beasley, Rep 469,595 – 50%

SOUTH DAKOTA, 100% –Open
Jim Beddow, Dem 126,258 – 41%
x William Janklow, Rep 172,500 – 55%

TENNESSEE, 100% –Open–Rep Gain
Phil Bredesen, Dem 659,844 – 45%
x Don Sundquist, Rep 801,684 – 54%

TEXAS, 100% –Rep Gain
Ann Richards, Dem (i) 2,014,399 – 46%
x George W. Bush, Rep 2,350,493 – 54%

VERMONT, 99%
x Howard Dean, Dem (i) 142,998 – 70%
David Kelley, Rep 39,703 – 19%

WISCONSIN, 100%
Chuck Chvala, Dem 480,343 – 31%
x Tommy Thompson, Rep (i)

WYOMING, 100% –Open–Rep Gain
Kathy Karpan, Dem 80,383 – 40%
x Jim Geringer, Rep 117,491 – 59%

The senate race

ARIZONA, 99% –Open–Rep Gain
Sam Coppersmith, Dem 427,285 – 40%
x Jon Kyl, Rep 577,934 – 54%

CALIFORNIA, 100%
x Dianne Feinstein, Dem (i) 3,608,497 – 47%
Michael Huffington, Rep 3,484,887 – 45%

CONNECTICUT, 100%
x Joe Lieberman, Dem (i) 697,911 – 67%
Jerry Labriola, Rep 324,405 – 31%

DELAWARE, 100%
Charles Oberly, Dem 84,465 – 42%
x William Roth Jr., Rep (i) 110,886 – 56%

FLORIDA, 99%
Hugh Rodham, Dem 1,205,460 – 30%
x Connie Mack, Rep (i) 2,874,873 – 70%

HAWAII, 100%
x Daniel Akaka, Dem (i) 256,189 – 72%
Maria Hustace, Rep 86,320 – 24%

INDIANA, 100%
James Jontz, Dem 467,715 – 31%
x Richard Lugar, Rep (i) 1,029,421 – 67%

MAINE, 99% –Open–Rep Gain
Thomas Andrews, Dem 185,210 – 37%
x Olympia Snowe, Rep 304,516 – 60%

MARYLAND, 100%
x Paul Sarbanes, Dem (i) 788,052 – 59%
William Brock, Rep 538,326 – 41%

MASSACHUSETTS, 99%
x Edward Kennedy, Dem (i) 1,257,945 – 58%
W. Mitt Romney, Rep 888,435 – 41%

MICHIGAN, 99% –Open–Rep Gain
Bob Carr, Dem 1,298,726 – 43%
x Spencer Abraham, Rep 1,577,865 – 52%

MINNESOTA, 100% –Open
Ann Wynia, Dem 781,496 – 44%
x Rod Grams, Rep 869,568 – 49%

MISSISSIPPI, 100%
Ken Harper, Dem 184,986 – 31%
x Trent Lott, Rep (i) 411,733 – 69%

MISSOURI, 100% –Open
Alan Wheat, Dem 633,941 – 36%
x John Ashcroft, Rep 1,058,320 – 60%

MONTANA, 100%
Jack Mudd, Dem 130,900 – 38%
x Conrad Burns, Rep (i) 217,485 – 62%

NEBRASKA, 100%
x Bob Kerrey, Dem (i) 314,442 – 55%
Jan Stoney, Rep 258,417 – 45%

NEVADA, 100%
x Richard Bryan, Dem (i) 193,444 – 51%
Hal Furman, Rep 155,547 – 41%
None of the Above, Oth 12,596 – 3%

NEW JERSEY, 99%
x Frank Lautenberg, Dem (i) 1,017,751 – 50%
Chuck Haytaian, Rep 950,415 – 47%

NEW MEXICO, 99%
x Jeff Bingaman, Dem (i) 243,759 – 54%
Colin McMillan, Rep 205,334 – 46%

NEW YORK, 99%
x Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Dem (i) 2,549,012 – 55%
Bernadette Castro, Rep 1,940,345 – 42%

NORTH DAKOTA, 99%
x Kent Conrad, Dem (i) 135,668 – 58%
Ben Clayburgh, Rep 98,069 – 42%

OHIO, 100% –Open–Rep Gain
Joel Hyatt, Dem 1,330,287 – 39%
x Mike DeWine, Rep 1,818,126 – 53%

OKLAHOMA, 100% –Open–Rep Gain
Dave McCurdy, Dem 392,488 – 40%
x James Inhofe, Rep 542,390 – 55%

PENNSYLVANIA, 99% –Rep Gain
Harris Wofford, Dem (i) 1,642,198 – 47%
x Rick Santorum, Rep 1,729,614 – 49%

RHODE ISLAND, 99%
Linda Kushner, Dem 118,411 – 36%
x John Chafee, Rep (i) 213,896 – 64%

TENNESSEE, 100% –Rep Gain
Jim Sasser, Dem (i) 616,043 – 42%
x Bill Frist, Rep 828,975 – 56%
100% –Open–Rep Gain
Jim Cooper, Dem 559,358 – 39%
x Fred Thompson, Rep 878,443 – 61%

TEXAS, 100%
Richard Fisher, Dem 1,635,885 – 38%
x Kay Bailey Hutchison, Rep (i) 2,596,508 – 61%

UTAH, 100%
Patrick Shea, Dem 146,731 – 28%
x Orrin Hatch, Rep (i) 356,345 – 69%

VERMONT, 99%
Jan Backus, Dem 84,833 – 41%
x James Jeffords, Rep (i) 102,978 – 50%

VIRGINIA, 99%
x Charles Robb, Dem (i) 925,500 – 46%
Oliver North, Rep 873,954 – 43%
J. Marshall Coleman, Oth 232,278 – 11%

WASHINGTON, 99%
Ron Sims, Dem 654,357 – 45%
x Slade Gorton, Rep (i) 796,233 – 55%

WEST VIRGINIA, 100%
x Robert Byrd, Dem (i) 288,353 – 69%
Stan Klos, Rep 129,458 – 31%

WISCONSIN, 100%
x Herb Kohl, Dem (i) 912,826 – 58%
Robert Welch, Rep 637,103 – 41%

WYOMING, 100% –Open
Mike Sullivan, Dem 79,553 – 40%
x Craig Thomas, Rep 118,061 – 59%

Some US races still undecided

WASHINGTON (AP) – As the Republican sweep continues to reverberate, absentee ballots still were being counted for undecided governors' races in Maryland and Alaska and for six undecided House contests in four other states.

In Maryland, Democrat Parris Glendening led Republican Ellen Sauerbrey by 6,187 votes in unofficial returns before an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 absentee ballots were counted.

In Alaska, Democrat Tony Knowles held a razor-thin lead of 339 votes over Republican Jim Campbell, but an undetermined number of absentee votes could determine the winner.

If current leads hold up in the six undecided House races, there will be 230 Republicans in the new House, 204 Democrats and one independent.

- In California's 22nd District, Republican Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand was leading Democrat Walter Capps by 969 votes out of more than 180,000 cast.
- In California's 36th District, state Rep. Jane Harman, a Los Angeles Democrat, was trailing Republican Susan Brooks, a Rancho Palos Verdes city councilwoman, by 93 votes out of the more than 164,000 cast.
- In New York's 26th District, freshman Democratic Rep. Maurice Hinchey was in a virtual dead heat with Robert Moppert, the Republican businessman whom Hinchey narrowly defeated two years ago. With 96 percent of the vote counted, Hinchey led by less than 900 votes.
- In Connecticut's 2nd District, an unofficial tally showed Democratic Rep. Sam Gejdenson edging Republican challenger Edward Munster by only two votes — 79,169 to 79,167.
- In Oregon's 1st District, Elizabeth Furse, a liberal Democrat going for a second term in the House, led Bill Witt, a conservative Republican businessman, by 8,652 votes with an estimated 47,000 absentee ballots yet to be counted.
- In Oregon's 5th District, mountains of absentee ballots will decide whether Democrat Catherine Webber will hold her slim lead over Republican Jim Bunn. Webber led by 2,123 votes with an estimated 60,000 to 67,000 absentee ballots to be counted.

Participation up

WASHINGTON (AP) – Voting on Tuesday edged up from the last two US midterm elections, perhaps because anger drove the electorate to make somewhat greater effort to reach the polls this week.

But participation was far below the level in many other democracies.

An estimated 38.7 percent of voting-age citizens participated in Tuesday's election that gave Republicans control of Congress, said Curtis Gans, who runs the nonpartisan Committee for the Study of the American Electorate.

The turnout was up from 36.5 percent in 1990 and the highest in off-year voting since 40 percent of eligible voters cast ballots in 1982.

A separate analysis of Tuesday's vote by Voter News Service for The Associated Press and the four major TV networks found a turnout rate of 37 percent.

Both analyses showed a surge in voting in Virginia, where turnout was up at least 16 percent as voters packed many of polling stations to settle the polarizing contest between Democratic Sen. Chuck Robb and Republican challenger Oliver North, who lost.

Turnout was stagnant in California and barely up in Texas.

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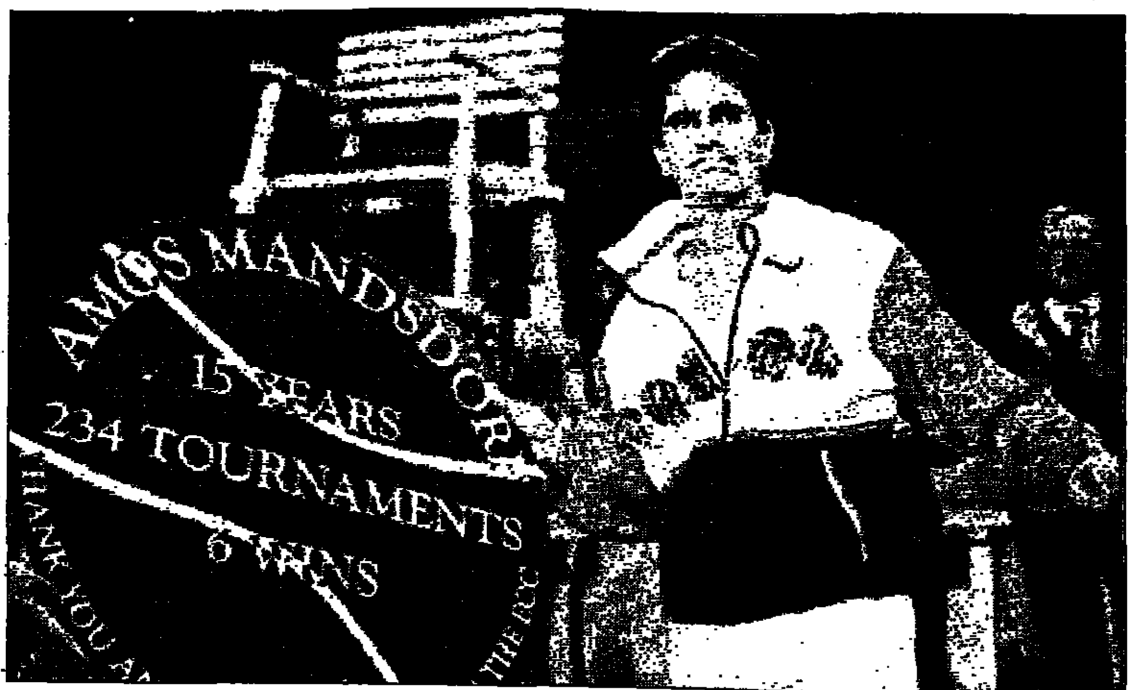

HONORABLE EXIT – Amos Mansdorf receives a trophy to mark the last professional match of his tennis career after he lost to Sebastien Lareau of Canada yesterday. (Reuter)

Mansdorf calls it quits

Post Sports Staff

AMOS Mansdorf's illustrious professional tennis career came to an end when he was beaten 7-6(8/6), 6-1 yesterday by the little-known Sebastien Lareau of Canada during the second round of the $1.1 million European Community Championship at the Antwerp Sports Palace.

Mansdorf's retirement is a blow to Israeli sports fans who came to know and love the player who helped keep the country at the top of international tennis.

"It's a decision that I had to take because of my health. I'm not happy but it's time to stop. I'm not 24 so I don't have too many regrets," Mansdorf said in a post-match press conference.

He told reporters that he suffers from "chronic fatigue syndrome." "The doctor said that I could still play but I was never going to be at my best. You just have no energy, you can't train hard enough to stay in the top 50 and for me, if you can't stay in the top 50 then it's not worth it."

The EC championship was Mansdorf's 234th event. He beat Horst Skoff of Austria 7-6(9/7), 6-4 in the first round, effectively prolonging his retirement.

Mansdorf, 29, turned professional in 1983 and won six ATP tournaments. His highest career ranking was 18th in 1988.

He plans to return here immediately, where he intends to start work in the diamond industry and enroll in university to study business.

"The worst thing is to sit around and do nothing. I'm not going to look back ay my tennis career either. I'm going back to Tel Aviv and on Sunday I'm going to start working."

National hoops squad to tackle Czechs

JOEL GORDIN

WITH the 83-71 victory over Turkey tucked under its belt, the national basketball team left yesterday for Europe for its game against the Czech Republic tomorrow night and against Spain on Wednesday.

The games are the last two rounds of the pool D schedule in the playoffs of the European Nations Championship. The two best-placed teams in each four-nation pool will advance to the finals in Greece next summer.

The two games facing Israel should be formalities. After four out of the six games, the pool's standings are: Spain 4-1 (9 points), Israel 3-1 (7), Czech Republic 1-3 (5), Turkey 0-4 (4). The only way Israel can be overtaken is if it loses to the Czechs by more than 20 points (in the first leg, Israel whipped the Czechs by 20 points, 106-86).

Even then, the Czechs will still have to beat Turkey and Israel must lose to Spain. But stranger things have happened in international basketball and coach Zvi Sherf is adamant not to allow the squad to get overconfident.

The 12 players who left are Doron Jamchee, Brad Leaf, Nadav Henefeld, Tomer Steinhauer, Adi Gordon, Doron Shefer, Motti Daniel, Ofer Fleisher, Amir Muktari, Oded Katash, Dror Cohen and Guy Goodes.

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Israeli driver wins championship in France

Post Sports Staff

ISRAELI Remi Samuel came in first in the Cevennes Rally last week to become France's Group N Rally Car champion. As a duel citizen, he was permitted to take part in the French championship.

In addition to dealing with the rigors of his profession, Samuel must also contend with diabetes.

When his diabetic condition was discovered at age 12, Samuel was cautioned to seek a restful life style. But the 30-year-old disregarded his physician's instructions and went off to France to develop his skills.

Samuel's championship season consisted of four first-place and two second-place finishes. With his high point total, he is guaranteed the championship regardless of his performance in the last race of the season, scheduled for the end of the month.

Group N cars are commercial vehicles with slight changes, different from Group A vehicles, which are modified extensively.

Next month, Samuel is due to bring his winning car here.

Toto Cup to the fore as players prepare for Azerbaijan

ORI LEWIS

TOP league soccer takes a rest on the sidelines this weekend as the national team prepares to play in Turkey against Azerbaijan next week.

Toto Cup will be on this week's soccer agenda in the National League and the Second Division.

The Israel squad assembled earlier this week to begin preparations for the European Championship Group 1 qualifier to be played in Trabzon, in northeastern Turkey on Wednesday. The under-21 side will play its Azeri opponents a day earlier.

National team coach Shlomo Scharf named an initial 21-man national team squad for training, although that number is expected to be reduced to between 16 and 18 players before the squad leaves on Monday.

Indeed, Scharf has already had to discard the injured Reuven Atar, whom he recalled to the squad only this week. He has also made it clear to Tal Banin, Haim Revivo, Marco Balbul and Moshe Glam that their places in the starting lineup are not carved in stone if their form doesn't no improve.

The national team and the under-21 sides have so far played two practice games at Ramat Gan, yesterday's encounter being played on a prepared wet surface in order to simulate the rainy conditions expected in Turkey.

The squad: Goalkeepers – Bonnie Ginsburg (Ironi Ashdod), Rafi Cohen (Maccabi Haifa).

Defenders: Marco Balbul (Maccabi Haifa), Moshe Glam (Maccabi Haifa), Alon Harazi (Maccabi Haifa), Nir Klinger (Maccabi Tel Aviv, captain), Amir Shelah (Maccabi Tel Aviv), David Amsalem (Hapoel Tel Aviv), Felix Halfon (Hapoel Rishon Lezion).

Midfield: Tal Banin (Hapoel Haifa), Eyal Berkowitz (Maccabi Haifa), Avishai Janno (Maccabi Netanya), Alon Hazan (Maccabi Haifa), Jan Talesnikov (Ironi Ashdod), Ronnie Levy (Maccabi Haifa), Avi Nimni (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Haim Revivo (Mac Tel Aviv).

Forwards: Amir Turjeman (Ironi Ashdod), Ronnie Rosenthal (Tottenham Hotspur), Ronnen Harazi (Betar Jerusalem).

SPORTS BRIEFS

Villa sacks Atkinson

Aston Villa sacked its manager Ron Atkinson yesterday after the worst run of results in the club's history.

The flamboyant Atkinson was the third high-profile manager to be dismissed by a Premier League club in the past 10 days, following Osvaldo Ardiles's departure from Tottenham early last week and Mike Walker's exit from Everton two days ago.

Royle to manage Everton

Oldham's Joe Royle was named yesterday as manager of the struggling Premier League club Everton. He takes over from Mike Walker who was sacked two days ago.

Everton chairman Peter Johnson clinched the deal after talks with the former Everton and England striker earlier in the day.

Grobbelaar to sue over allegations

Goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar yesterday broke his silence over bribery allegations that have rocked English soccer, emphatically denying he took bribes to fix games and vowing to sue the media over the affair.

The flamboyant Zimbabwean, the most successful goalkeeper in English soccer history during 13 years with Liverpool, pledged to co-operate fully with a Football Association probe into allegations first made by *The Sun* newspaper.

College running back arrested for cocaine

University of Wisconsin tailback Brent Moss, a Rose Bowl Most Valuable Player award winner on the verge of breaking the school's career rushing mark, has been arrested on a cocaine possession charge, police said yesterday.

SCOREBOARD

BRITISH SOCCER – Wednesday's results: Premier League – Liverpool 3, Chelsea 1; Wimbledon 4, Aston Villa 3.

League Cup, third round – Arsenal 2, Oldham 0; Norwich 4, Tranmere 2; Swindon 4, Brighton 1.

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TAAS wages angry protest

RAINE MARCUS

TWENTY-NINE Israel Industries-TAAS employees were arrested during a violent demonstration in Tel Aviv yesterday against plans to fire another 1,500 workers. All those arrested were later released, police said.

Around 5,000 protesters, including former TAAS employees, began their demonstration yesterday morning in the Tel Aviv Museum plaza. Carrying placards calling Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin a traitor, and accusing him of "burying II," protesters burned tires in the street between the museum and the Defense Ministry at the Kirya.

One protester hurled a smoke grenade and one policeman was slightly injured in ensuing clashes between the angry mob and large forces.

Three police horses were brought in to control the crowds and a police officer said that protesters threw pepper at the horses. *Roads were blocked for several* hours because of the protest.

Demonstrators accused police of using unnecessary force, *but police said they had exercised re*straint.

Clashes erupted when the protesters tried to enter the Kirya's *Shaul Gate, and were confronted* by a human chain of policemen.

Since 1986 some 10,000 TAAS employees nationwide have been *fired or forced into voluntary re*tirement.

TAAS workers burn tires outside the Tel Aviv Museum yesterday. (Grizitsky/Israel Sun)

Ministry to allow unlimited tomato imports

GALIT LIPKIS

THE Agriculture Ministry said yesterday it has started to examine ways to import tomatoes from Jordan in an attempt to reduce the current shortage which has pushed prices up to a new record high.

The ministry also announced that importers will be able to import an unlimited quantity of tomatoes from western Europe. Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur has asked Zvi Alon, deputy manager of the ministry's foreign trade division, to issue licenses to all importers *applying to the ministry.* The licenses will be valid for one month.

Last month, the ministry issued licenses for the import of 1,000 tons of tomatoes from France and Holland but importers have imported less than 100 tons. Agrexco, which recently received a license from the ministry, plans to import some of the tomatoes on behalf of other importers.

Tsur said he plans to discuss *with the Jordanian Agriculture* Ministry the possibility of importing tomatoes and exporting excess supplies of vegetables and fruits. Tsur expressed interest in exporting excess supplies of bananas.

This week, the retail price of tomatoes reached a new all-time record of NIS 11 per kilo. The ministry predicts tomatoes imported from Jordan will be cheaper than Israeli tomatoes.

The Agriculture Ministry has blamed the high price of tomatoes on the Health Ministry's decision to ban the import of fruits and vegetables from Gaza, following the cholera outbreak there. During the last three months, about 450 tons of tomatoes were imported from Gaza each week while average consumption of tomatoes reached about 2,000 tons per week.

The stormy weather, which destroyed many dunams worth of fruits and vegetables, has also pushed up tomato prices.

Clalit deal reached

JUDY SIEGEL

THE government has come to an agreement with Kupat Holim Clalit workers on their part of the health fund's recovery program, saving the fund from collapse.

Clalit's workers suspended their plans to strike yesterday after getting a NIS 1,000 advance on October salaries and a promise of the remainder next week.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Histadrut officials last night worked out the final details of the recovery program which will be signed by the parties on Sunday and then sent to the Knesset finance committee for approval.

Some 26,000 Clalit workers had planned to begin a strike against hospitals and community clinics yesterday morning, but all-night talks with the Treasury the previous night produced an agreement.

The union representing clerks, technicians and paraprofessionals, headed by Moshe Zelinger, agreed that the government would deduct 2% of workers' salaries over a period of 27 months. These sums will be paid back, linked but without interest, in eight years. The treasury had initially demanded that wages simply be cut by 2%.

The union also agreed to the dismissal of some 900 Clalit staffers and to longer work hours, that will extend services in community clinics through Friday afternoons.

This agreement must be approved by the Knesset Finance Committee before the Treasury will grant the health fund over NIS 3 billion to pay debts and keep the health fund afloat.

The nurses have already approved the recovery scheme. Earlier this week, the Clalit doctors' union offered the Treasury a loan scheme similar to that of Zelinger's union.

Albeck: Land grants were 'act of mercy'

PLIA Albeck, the former head of the Civil Division in the State Attorney's Office, told the Jerusalem District Court yesterday that the granting of alternate lands to families who had bought land from the Moreshet Binyamin association was an act of mercy by the authorities.

Albeck was testifying at the trial of former interior minister Aryeh Deri, accused of using his influence to obtain alternative lands for the association. The association had sold land at Nebi Samwil to religious families although the plots were neither registered in the Land Registry *in its name*, nor zoned for housing.

She said the suggestion to grant the buyers alternative land had come from then agriculture minister Arye Nehamkin. She had suggested bringing the issue before the cabinet.

State: Ban on non-kosher meat legal

EVELYN GORDON

THE law forbidding the import of non-kosher meat was passed legally, and does not contradict any Basic Laws, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

It was responding to a petition by non-kosher meat importer Meatreal Ltd., on which a show-cause order has already been issued. The petition argued that the law was illegal both because of procedural flaws in its passage and because it contradicted two Basic Laws: Freedom of Occupation, and Human Dignity and Freedom. The latter includes a property-protection clause.

Last year the High Court of Justice ruled that the government must permit the import of non-kosher meat. This past March, however, the government passed a law to forbid such imports since this was one of Shas's conditions for rejoining the coalition.

Government attorney Uzi Fogelman responded that according to legal precedent, no one has the right to force the government to continue an economic policy. Thus, even if banning the import of non-kosher meat after it had been permitted hurts Meatreal's business, it is not an infringement of property rights. Constitutional protection extends only to unjust government seizures of a person's property, Fogelman said.

The bill also does not impinge on anyone's religious rights, he said, because people can still buy locally produced non-kosher meat.

As for the Freedom of Occupation law, this contains a clause allowing it to be overridden by 61 MKs. Contrary to Meatreal's claim, Fogelman said, this override is unlimited in power.

With regard to the procedural flaws, Meatreal had noted that the bill was expanded during committee hearings to prevent the import of all non-kosher meat, rather than just beef. Several committee members objected that this was a *"new issue," which exceeded the* mandate given by the plenum during the bill's first reading, but the matter was never ruled on by the House Committee.

Meatreal also said the third reading was illegally held immediately after the second, even though changes were made during the second reading.

However, Fogelman noted that two of the MKs who raised the "new issue" claim explicitly withdrew their objections; the other two did so tacitly, he said, since they never raised the question again in later speeches.

In any case, he said, the House Committee would have ruled in favor of the change, since the expansion of the bill was really a very minor alteration: Beef constitutes the vast majority of the country's meat imports – tens of thousands of tons a year, compared, for example, with 420 tons a year of lamb.

Finally, Fogelman said, House rules permit a third reading to be held right after the second, even if the bill was altered, if the government so requests – and the government did so in this case. In fact, this is common practice in the Knesset, he said.

Dinitz never received expense forms

JEWISH Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz, as opposed to other emissaries, never received special forms to report on his expenses abroad, Yehuda Ben-David, former director of the agency's emissaries division, said yesterday.

Ben-David, who continued testifying in Dinitz's trial on fraud charges yesterday, was asked by defense attorney Uri Wagman *whether the agency treasurer* could assess Dinitz's finances without the forms.

In that situation, said Ben-David, *it was necessary to wait for* expense reports to arrived from abroad which would help the treasurer to calculate the expenses.

Wagman then *questioned* Ben-David about his testimony on Wednesday that neither Dinitz nor his predecessors were required to fill out expense reports for their travels abroad.

Ben-David explained that he did not initiate the request for reports from Dinitz, but was asked to help in the matter by Dinitz's adviser, Ya'acov Nitzan.

He added that Dinitz's use of an agency credit card, which did not exist before Dinitz took office, aroused curiosity about the chairman's spending. (Itim)

Yi'ud MKs said ready to join Labor

SARAH HONIG

THE Labor Party yesterday was rife with rumors that Yi'ud MKs Gonen Segev and Alex Goldfarb are about to officially become La*bor members so they can partici*pate in the next party primaries for Knesset candidates.

Segev denied this and Labor sources were equivocal, pointing to the legal complications involved, but the rumors persisted.

Similar rumors were then floated about Yi'ud's dissident MK Esther Salmowitz and her affinity to the Likud, though Salmowitz's legal constraints are considerably greater.

Because she is regarded as a single MK, Salmowitz cannot return to Tsomet nor join the Likud unless she resigns from the Knesset and imposes a six-month cooling off period on herself, after which she too would be forced to go through a primaries process in whichever party she might choose.

No one denies that Segev had recently met with several Labor MKs, including Avraham Burg, who stressed the dead-end his three-member faction faces.

Yi'ud split off from Tsomet and is given little if any chance of sur*viving to the next Knesset. It had* contracted a coalition agreement with Labor, but Salmowitz refuses to enter the coalition and the High *Court of Justice ruled against* Segev's appointment as a minister, though that hurdle might be removed via legislation to circum*vent the court.*

Segev was reportedly offered a chance to insure his political future by entering Labor. He cannot do so now because recently-adopted legislation prevents individual MKs from crossing party lines or even running on another party's ticket in the next elections unless they resign six months earlier.

The Labor offer, therefore, is that Segev wait till he is appointed minister and then take his Yi'ud faction into Labor, either in an alignment arrangement or in the form of a full merger. Since he would make the move with Goldfarb, this would not be regarded as a single MK's defection but as a factional move, which the law allows.

Segev, however, denied that he any plans with Labor and insists he is about to prepare for internal elections in Yi'ud before a party convention in February at the latest.

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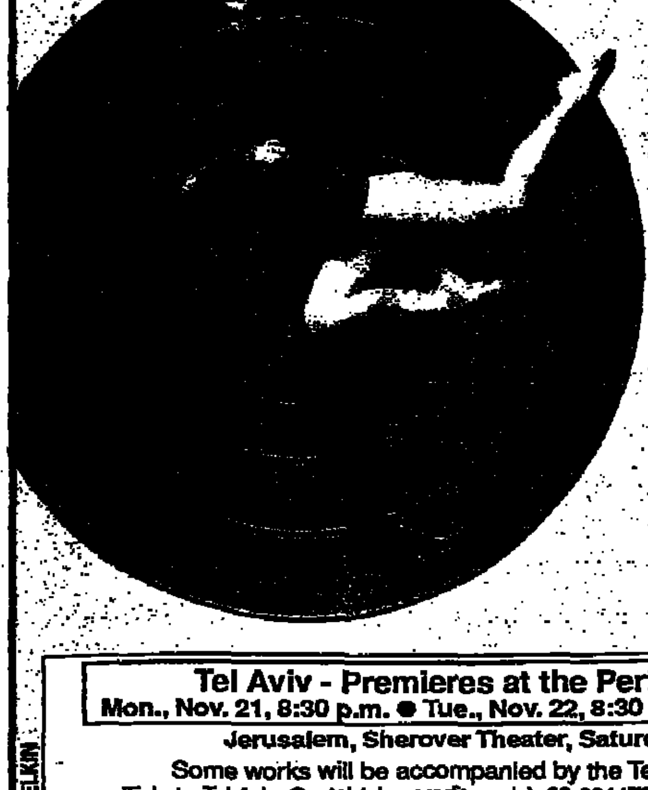

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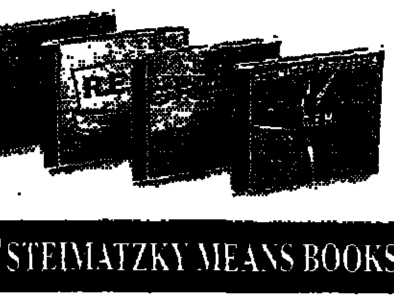

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His shoe fits differently for Camelia Sadat

Anwar Sadat's daughter treads lightly but faithfully in his trailblazing footsteps, Allison Kaplan Sommer writes

CAMELIA Sadat didn't expect to shed tears after landing at Ben-Gurion Airport this week.

"But when I arrived and got off the plane and saw the sign 'Welcome to Israel,' I started crying," she said.

"I just remembered how ... my father came to this place with an initiative and began a process, and now ... I am coming to the same place and playing a part in that process. It shook me that this could be happening."

The part that the 47-year-old Boston-based academic sees herself playing is far different from that of her late father, Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

She shuns politics and the intricacies of peace negotiations. Instead, she sees herself as an advocate of peace education: promoting programs that shatter stereotypes and bring down walls of fear and prejudice.

Sadat is working on a doctorate in peace studies and peace education at Boston University. Her academic adviser is the acclaimed Holocaust author Elie Wiesel. She also teaches Middle East studies at Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Sadat views her first visit here as an emotional and religious pilgrimage, as well as a way to pay tribute to her father's memory.

Her first stops after arriving on Sunday were Jerusalem's Al-Aksa Mosque and the Knesset, where she again became tearful when she stood where her father had delivered his historic address to the Knesset in 1977.

Her 10-day schedule includes meetings with President Ezer Weizman ("my father always used to speak so highly of him"), Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ("whom I've never met"), and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres ("a good friend ... [whom] I view as no less courageous and no less visionary than my father").

Her primary objective, however, is to observe the educational efforts of the Jewish-Arab Center for Peace, in the Givat Haviva Seminary – she recently joined the board of the institute, which promotes Arab-Jewish harmony – and to bring the message of the importance of peace education to the Israeli leaders she meets and to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"I am not going to talk politics. I am very specific. I am talking peace education with all of them. Period. Politics and what steps they need to take regarding this or that issue – that's not for me.

"But I do want to tell them the only thing that I see missing from the peace treaties is education, and personally I think that education is equally as important as economic cooperation," she said.

"There is no doubt that peace treaties have a dramatic effect in making peace ... but it doesn't change people. People stay the same way, with the same negative stereotyping, the same psychological barriers and the cultural barriers. The only way is education."

SADAT'S MOTHER was the Egyptian leader's first wife, Ekbal Madi. Anwar Sadat married his second wife, Jehan, while Camelia was still a young girl.

Sadat said she remained close to her father, and the two often discussed issues of war and peace. She said her enthusiasm for ending the state of war between Egypt and Israel preceded her father's historic visit to Jerusalem and subsequent signing of the Camp David accords.

"Peace was very important to me. My ex-husband was in the army. My sisters were married to army officers, my uncles were in the army, my cousins were in the army, and my father, of course, was in the army before he entered politics. That made us like any family here in Israel. When the men would go off to fight, all the women sat around in one area for support – of course the radio is on all the time to see what is going on – and we were wondering who would be missing this time when they come home."

Sadat said that when she was 21, she went to her father and asked him, " 'Why do you make us women marry? So we can have children so you can put them in a uniform and send them to die?' "

Camelia Sadat broke out of a life-style that was determined when her marriage was arranged at age 12. Now 47, she is working on a PhD with adviser Elie Wiesel in Boston. (Karen Benzian)

She said her father told her, " 'Shut up, you're crazy.' This was an ongoing argument with us. I couldn't understand why we had to fight.... But my father was not in the habit of discussing his politics or policies with family members."

Though her father was generally secretive about his political plans, she said it was always possible for her to find hints of the direction in which he was heading.

In the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, she and her father spoke about the cost of fighting. One of her favorite uncles was killed in the first minutes of the war, and she told her father how angry it made her.

"Suddenly he said, 'There *will* be peace! There *will* be peace!' And that is the first time I heard the word 'peace' coming from him. 'There will be no more wars, there will be peace, there will be peace, there will be peace,' he said. Then he finished the conversation quickly. He didn't want to go on talking."

CAMELIA SADAT decided to go to the US in the summer of 1981 to earn a master's degree, following her divorce. Her marriage to a career army officer had been arranged when she was 12 years old; she has one daughter.

She insists that she resides in the US out of choice, not because of her status as a divorced working woman or for reasons of personal safety.

"If I was worried about my safety, do you think I would go to Libya?" asked Sadat, who has acted as an intermediary between Libyan Jews living outside their native country and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

"I believe when my day comes, it's going to come. If it's going to be in this room, or in Libya, it's going to be whatever God wants..., and it is already written. No one can change it."

Her father would have preferred her to stay in Egypt, Sadat said. When she went to say goodbye, he pulled her toward him for a photograph and said, "I may never see you again."

She chalked up the comment to a paternal guilt trip, but it proved to be tragically prophetic just a few months later.

"I was in my apartment in Brookline [Massachusetts], when very few people knew who I was because I was under an assumed name for security reasons. But a cousin of a friend of mine knew that I was here. She called me at seven in the morning and asked if I was watching television. I said no. She said, 'Maybe you want to watch television. Your father's on.' I went and put the TV on and that is exactly when they had the tape of the shooting. All I see are machine guns and my father falling to one side."

SADAT PRACTICES what she preaches, and has formed warm friendships with Jews.

"When my father went to Israel in 1977, a wall came down for me. A wall prevented me from seeing a lot of things, from seeing Jews and Israelis as anything but the enemy. When it went down, I started seeing reality, and I started having great admiration for what the Jewish people have accomplished."

One of her first visitors was Rabbi David Yellin, formerly of Newton, Massachusetts. Yellin moved here three years ago, but when he was in Boston, they were friendly. Sadat spoke frequently at his synagogue and celebrated Pessah in his home.

In her suite at the Dan Caesarea Hotel, they laughed and reminisced about kosher lunches at a felafel restaurant in Massachusetts owned by an Israeli emigrant.

She disagrees with those who term the current relations between Egypt and Israel a "cold peace." Israelis, she said, don't really understand that the reasons why Egyptians do not visit Israel in greater numbers have more to do with finances than ideology.

"You have to understand.... Many people are very, very poor. People don't take vacations even on Friday. And when they take it, they maybe go for a picnic on the Nile and that's it. These are people who make $580 per capita [annually]. This is the average. We are not talking about the poor."

At home, she keeps up with events in the Middle East through the press.

"We have a place in Harvard Square where you can get all of the international newspapers. So I get the Egyptian paper, I get the Saudi paper, I get the Kuwaiti paper. *The Financial Times* and *The Jerusalem Post*."

SADAT, a devout Moslem, said her religion has helped get her through a year in which she underwent surgery for brain cancer. Her doctors told her there was a 75 percent chance she would not survive the operation, and that if she did, there was a possibility of permanent damage.

She said she views her visit to Al-Aksa this week as a follow-up to a pilgrimage to Mecca during Ramadan this year in a process of thanking God for her survival.

The fact that many in the West identify Islam with violence and terrorism "makes me very sad, as a Moslem," she said. "There is no religion in the world that urges killing or that kind of fanaticism. That all started with the revolution of Ayatollah Khomeini."

Sadat said she attempted to come here in 1986. She had been about to board an Air Sinai flight to visit as a guest of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East and African Studies when Egyptian authorities stopped her and ordered her not to go.

In retrospect, she said she is glad she did not come before Israelis and Palestinians took their first steps towards a settlement.

"I am a peacemaker, the daughter of a man who made peace his life. Had I gone earlier, I would have been going to an area of conflict and not have anything in my hand to offer that conflict. I would have been treated very nicely by the Israelis; they would have taken good care of me. But the Palestinians would not have accepted me: [they] did not accept my father or Camp David. How can I be the daughter of a peacemaker and go to an area of conflict and create a conflict by my presence?"

Despite her near-perfect English, when she speaks of her father, she often slips from the past tense into the present tense.

Why this happens becomes clearer when she is asked whether she does not regret that her father is not alive to see other Arab leaders follow in his footsteps in seeking peace with Israel.

"The way I think of it, my father didn't die," Sadat said.

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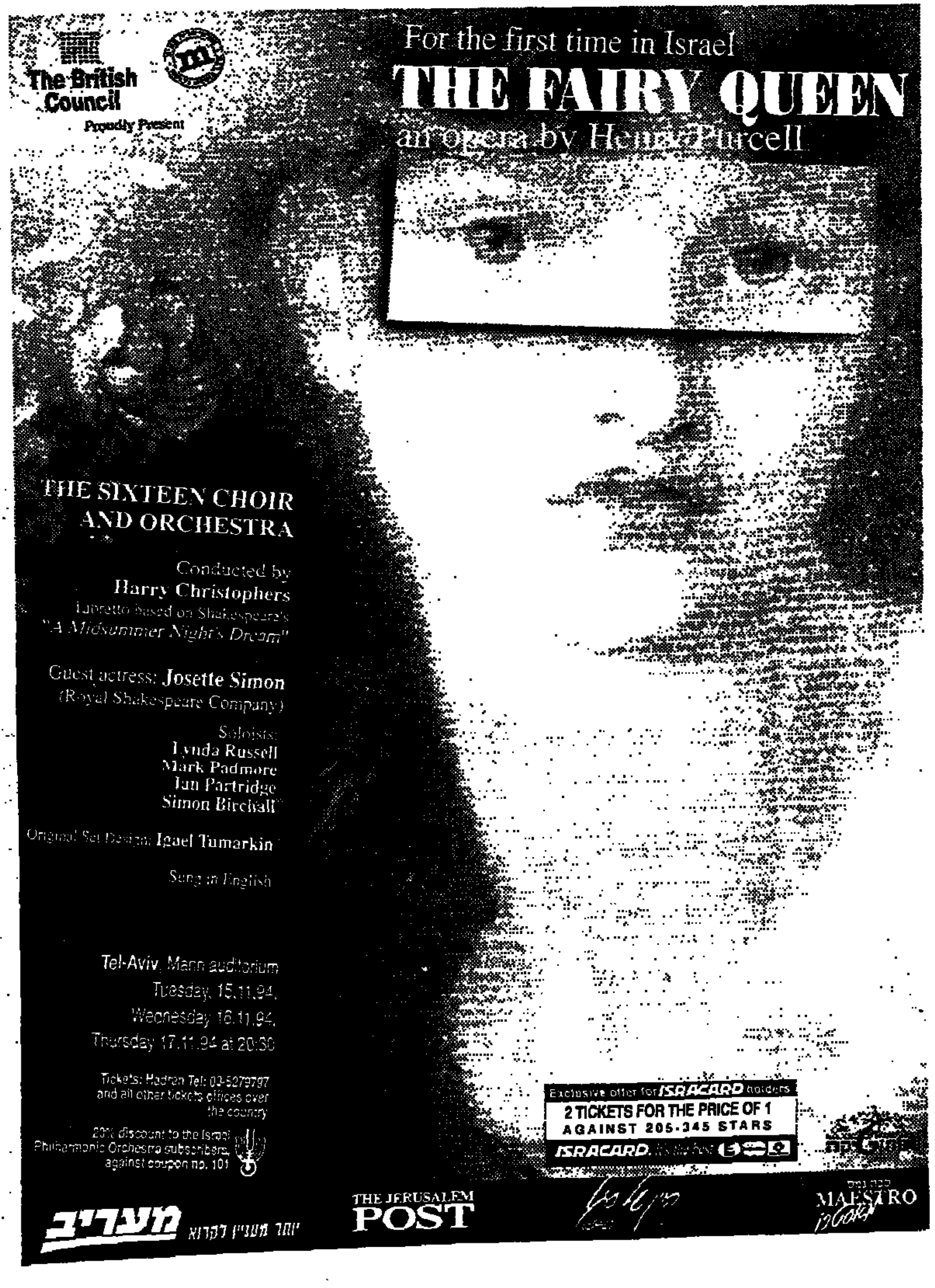

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According to Peace Watch, Orient House, headed by Faisal Husseini (inset), has hosted 45 meetings with visiting politicians in the past year. (Jerozolimski. Shorer)

Husseini: Diplomat without portfolio

Faisal Husseini says the government knew that Tancu Ciller was going to visit; the government says 'no,' **Bill Hutman** and **Jon Immanuel** report

FAISAL Husseini's 15-minute meeting last Saturday with Turkish Prime Minister Tancu Ciller again brought Orient House into the political *maelstrom*.

Husseini, who heads Orient House, in eastern Jerusalem, maintained that the meeting did not constitute a violation of the Palestinian-Israeli agreements.

However, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair said the meeting did violate the section of the Oslo accord limiting all administrative activity of the Palestinian Authority to the autonomous areas of Jericho and Gaza.

Husseini said police were consulted before the Ciller visit and even carried out a security search in the building before she arrived.

Jerusalem police spokesman Chief Superintendent Shmuel Ben-Ruby categorically denied that police were informed of the meeting in advance, or that, as Husseini asserted, they were allowed into the building before the visit to ensure that it was secure.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said Ciller and Husseini kept plans for the Orient House visit a secret.

It appears that on Saturday, the Palestinians in Orient House were doing what they have been doing since it was established as the center of the Palestinian peace delegation in 1991, and have not stopped doing since Oslo: holding meetings with senior foreign officials without consulting the police or government officials.

Following the Ciller meeting, in an effort to curb such activity, both the government and the opposition pushed through initial approval of bills that would limit PLO activity in Jerusalem.

This activity is seen by many in the coalition and the opposition as endangering Israel's claim to sovereignty over eastern Jerusalem.

According to Peace Watch, an organization monitoring violations of the accords, Orient House has hosted 45 meetings in the past year with visiting politicians from 17 countries, including two prime ministers.

"The Oslo and Cairo accords don't specifically prohibit these meetings as long as they don't deal with matters concerning the Palestinian Authority," said Peace Watch director Dan Polissar.

Husseini blamed Israel for the confrontation the nation watched on the television news Saturday night, in which Orient House security guards refused to allow their Israeli counterparts into the building once Ciller arrived.

"There is an understanding with the Israelis that this is the location of the Palestinian team for the peace process, where we have our papers, our files and our details of negotiations with the Israeli side. There is an understanding that Israelis must not have access to our files and papers.

"When there was a certain need to enter Orient House – for example, when the Israelis told us they had rumors a bomb was planted here – they asked us to let them enter and to check the place, and we allowed them."

According to Husseini, that was exactly what happened on Saturday. Police, he said, arrived 30 minutes before the Turkish prime minister and combed the meeting room for bombs. "We allowed them to enter, and they saw the place and then left saying that the security situation inside was good," Husseini said. These assertions contradict police statements.

Husseini said he had insisted that the Israeli security personnel remain outside during the meeting.

HUSSEINI'S connections with the Palestinian Authority are ambiguous, which is one of the major reasons he and Orient House have come under heavy criticism from government and opposition.

He says he is not a minister, which leaves him free to operate in Jerusalem. However, he has regularly attended PA cabinet meetings and even in Palestinian circles has often been referred to as "minister-without-portfolio."

"I meet regularly with Chairman Yasser Arafat ... sometimes once a week, sometimes twice a week, some weeks not at all," he said.

"But things concerning the administration of the Palestinian Authority we don't discuss here," Husseini said.

That is not always true. This summer, for instance, US officials went to Orient House to put the final signatures on an aid package for housing in Gaza, a far more official and public act than talks on any subject would have been.

However, there is no evidence Husseini dealt with PA matters in his meeting with Ciller during the 15 minutes she gave him.

"Mainly we discussed the situation here in Jerusalem, the effect of the delay of the peace process on the interim period of negotiations, the negative effect of the delay of the negotiations on the whole peace process," he said.

He denied Orient House is acting as a foreign ministry.

"In Orient House, we are dealing with everything concerning the whole peace process, but not the implementation on the ground. In foreign affairs, we have two main bodies: the Ministry for International Cooperation and Planning headed by Dr. Nabil Shaath and [the department of] our foreign minister of the PLO, Mr. Farouk Kadoumi."

For the government, the issue is not what Husseini says he does at Orient House. The government has its own views of what is going on there and doesn't like it.

Whether or not the government will take action remains unclear.

Attorney-General Ben-Yair said at a press conference yesterday that the law that passed its first reading early this week regarding PLO activity outside Jericho and Gaza would "give the government the tool to shut down Orient House."

"I don't know, and it isn't particularly relevant, what Husseini says he is doing at Orient House," Ben-Yair said. "In our view, what is going on there has a diplomatic character."

It is the right of any government in the world to regulate political activity within its borders, according to Ben-Yair. He said the Oslo accord strictly limits PA activity to within the autonomous regions of Jericho and Gaza, and he made it clear that the government believed Husseini had overstepped those bounds. He declined to specify how exactly Husseini was violating the accord, saying only that the government had the right to regulate diplomatic activity within its borders.

The substance of talks held there has not been the only point of contention between Orient House and the government; symbols also complicate matters. Ciller arrived in a car flying a Palestinian flag. "Usually, if anyone comes to Orient House, he chooses in which car to arrive: an Israeli car, a consulate car or in our own car," Husseini said. "The Turkish visitor decided to arrive in one of our cars. It was our car and had our signs." He added that he preferred foreign officials traveling to Orient House in one of its own cars.

Overlooked by those who criticize Husseini's meetings with foreign statesmen is the fact that they have increased largely because of Israel's diplomatic success since Oslo.

Rabin's latest offer to Arafat buys some time

Neither of the two leaders can abandon the Oslo process, because their own political destinies have become tied to its success, **Dore Gold** writes

THIS week, Prime Minister Rabin seemed to give the Oslo process a new lease on life. On Tuesday, he agreed with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to intensify efforts to extend the Gaza-Jericho agreement to the rest of the West Bank.

The new Rabin-Arafat understanding was surprising. Recent events indicated that the Declaration of Principles was losing significant support among Israelis and Palestinians. Israelis had expected to gain security, but instead Palestinian terrorism became even more lethal than before. Palestinians had sought prosperity, but found themselves repeatedly barred from going to work in Israel.

Rabin himself had become one of the biggest critics of his own agreement with the PLO. Not long after the DOP was signed in September 1993, he told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that negotiations on implementing Gaza/Jericho covered details that had not even been thought of during the Oslo talks. This led him later to say that next time Israel signs a peace treaty, it will work out the details first.

Just 10 days before meeting Arafat, Rabin again emerged as one of his own worst critics. He told *Yediot Aharonot* on October 28: "In the interim phase, the Oslo agreement has many contradictions.... I know that we will have to remodel it [the DOP] in the implementation phase, especially its security aspect."

Rabin was admitting, in effect, that the DOP as originally drafted was inadequate for protecting Israelis.

His own chief of staff had been more blunt in the same newspaper a week earlier, in the aftermath of the bombing of the No. 5 bus in the heart of Tel Aviv. Journalist Ron Ben-Yishai asked Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak whether "implementation of the Oslo agreement created the conditions in which the [Hamas] monster improved its operational capability." Barak answered, "There is no doubt."

These comments raised a fundamental question: How could Rabin accelerate implementation of an agreement he and his closest military advisers considered so inadequate? Moreover, if the DOP had created such problems after its implementation in the limited area of Gaza/Jericho, what would happen when it was applied to the whole West Bank, right next to major Israeli cities like Jerusalem and Tel Aviv?

RABIN WENT into his meeting with Arafat with these considerations in mind. But he also recognized that Arafat's standing among the Palestinians had been weakened. True, Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Ami-Dror, the head of research in the IDF Intelligence Branch, had reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee: "Arafat's men were squeezing concessions from Israel by claiming that their chairman was weak."

But Rabin did not necessarily accept this analysis. Still, he faced a dilemma, which is at the heart of the peace process: progress in implementing the DOP was necessary to help Arafat, but at the same time the DOP was inadequate regarding Israeli security. This dilemma had been particularly sharp in the Gaza/Jericho phase; Rabin had expected Arafat to fight Hamas, as the South Lebanese Army fights Hizbullah, thereby boosting Israeli security.

But the total war against Hamas that Rabin expected of Arafat was precisely the sort of action that would undermine the latter's standing in his society; it would create the conditions for a Palestinian civil war. This was a no-win situation. The DOP was based on political premises about security which were proving to be wrong.

Working alone, Rabin might have considered jettisoning the DOP altogether and going back to the Jordanian option of the 1970s. Nonetheless, Rabin admitted that he was wedded to his agreement with the PLO; he told *Yediot* in the same interview, "Arafat is the strategic partner of this government."

THE NEWEST understanding between Rabin and Arafat buys time, but does not resolve the government's dilemma.

Rabin is ready to go forward with early empowerment for the West Bank Palestinians beyond education to such fields as tourism and taxation.

More efficient procedural arrangements have been made for beginning negotiations on elections and IDF redeployment, but there is no new target date for an agreement. The security establishment has leaked all kinds of plans for redeployment, probably to improve the negotiating climate and strengthen Arafat. But it's doubtful the Palestinian street is aware of all these diplomatic subtleties.

Both Rabin and Arafat can be expected to try muddling through the stages ahead. They are caught in a process full of contradictions. Neither leader can help the other fully without losing most of his domestic support. But neither can abandon the Oslo process, because their political destinies have become tied to its success.

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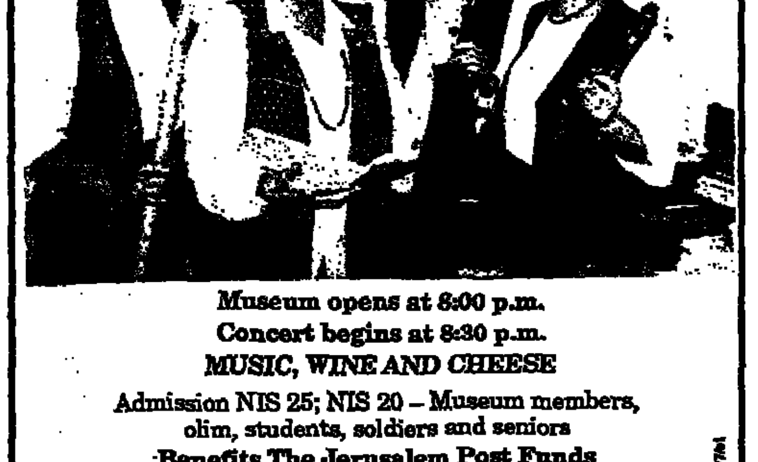

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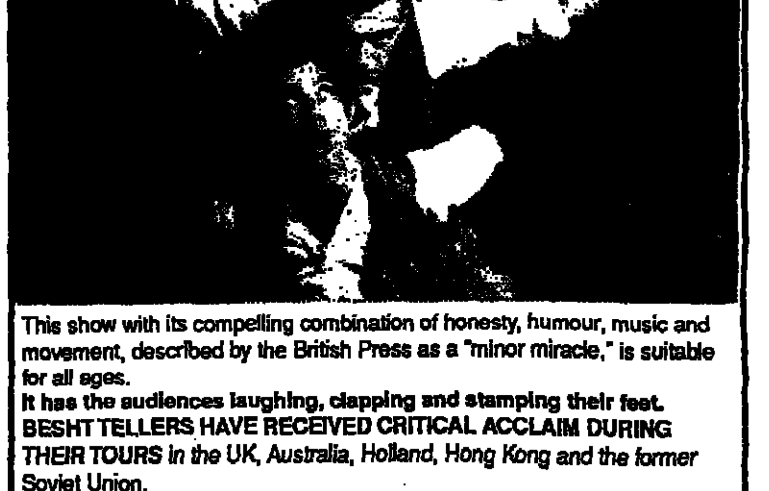

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Russia's atypical ambassador

Alexander Bovin is not what you'd expect – from an envoy or an old-time official from the former Soviet Union, Steve Rodan reports

ALEXANDER Bovin disdains ceremony and protocol. He's a straight talker who has no taste for diplomatic obfuscation.

"Simple questions, please," the Russian envoy asks his interviewer, enunciating slowly.

Even though he was a newspaperman for 20 years, Bovin generally shuns interviews. For years, he was helped by interpreters; today he wishes he had studied English or Hebrew. As a diplomat, he says, he no longer looks for immediate significance, such as the results of the Casablanca conference. As an interviewee, he is irritated by complex questions.

"Why do you ask a question from here... and end up there?" he asks, raising his left hand over his head to touch his right ear.

Next month, Bovin will mark three years as Russian ambassador, making him one of the longest-serving envoys here. His stay has been remarkably low-profile for a country that until recently was a superpower.

"He's not your usual ambassador," says Galia Golan, a Hebrew University political science professor and expert on Russia. "He's an iconoclast."

Like any ambassador, Bovin, a large man who sports a mustache and collar-length hair, came equipped with a list of diplomatic do's and don'ts – but he won't elaborate. "If I told you this, I would be a very bad ambassador," he says with a slight smile. "I will not do anything which can hurt the Israeli-Russian relationship. I will do everything to help that relationship. The rest is top secret."

Our interview took place on the eve of the anniversary of the failed 1991 Soviet coup attempt, now celebrated as a holiday in Russia.

Bovin's modest office at the Russian Embassy is a stone's throw from the US Embassy on Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Street.

Bovin was an outspoken supporter of Israel long before the Soviet Union renewed relations, even as far back as during the antagonistic Brezhnev and Andropov eras. He expressed pro-Israel views that were markedly out of synch with the Soviet line when he worked as a speechwriter for Brezhnev and an adviser to Andropov.

During perestroika, Bovin maintained that the new policy of openness under Mikhail Gorbachev was meaningless unless Moscow renewed ties with Israel. When the Kremlin took the plunge, after an icy 23-year break, Bovin was chosen to be the ambassador.

For the first two years of Bovin's tenure, Golan says, the Russians merely followed the US lead in the Middle East. Today, Russia is trying to form its own foreign policy in the region. Last week, Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev went to Damascus to talk about two issues Israel is following closely – the peace process and Russia's arms sales to Syria.

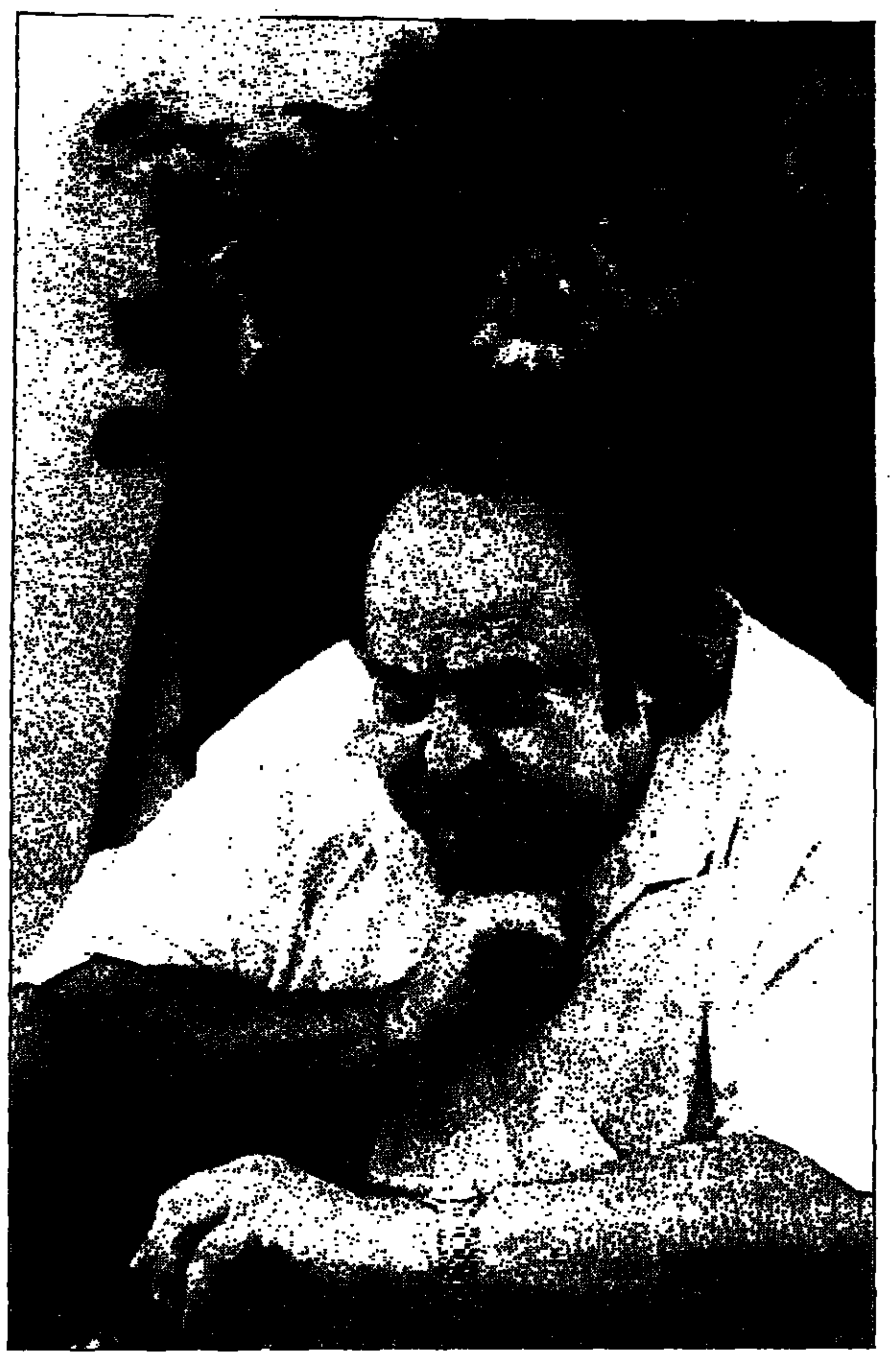
Russia is even forming a policy on Jerusalem. Kozyrev raised the Russian interest in the status of the city's holy places during his visit earlier this year.

Bovin sees Jerusalem as posing two challenges. One is solving the political status of the city, something he says must be decided by Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians. The other is the Christian holy sites, an issue of particular relevance to Russia, which has the largest Orthodox Christian community in the world.

"In this question," he says, "the Russian church has to be involved in the process."

Does the Vatican agreement with Israel give the Catholic Church more rights over the holy sites?

"I visited the papal nuncio in Israel and we discussed this problem. I didn't feel that he is in competition with us on this issue. Jesus Christ was here 2,000 years ago for Catholics as well as for Orthodox. As for the Russian church, we don't need confrontation. We are looking for cooperation."



Bovin: Now, we have enough to speak about with Assad. I don't think Washington has more influence with Syria than Moscow does. (Jeremy Feldman)

FOR BOVIN, the focus of the peace process remains the Israel-Syria peace talks.

"In the past, our position was very pro-Arab," he says. "Now, with our new policy, our relations with Syria have changed a little. They are not so tight as they were before. But in general they are very intense.

"The first period [after the breakup of the USSR] was of cold relations; then they stabilized," he adds. "Now, we have enough to speak about with Assad. In any case, I don't think Washington has more influence with Syria than Moscow does."

Do you understand Assad?

"No. My job is to understand what [Prime Minister] Rabin wants. And I understand him. Our ambassador in Damascus has to understand what Assad wants."

[Russia's man in Damascus, Alexander Zutov, has also had a long relationship with Israel. During the 1980s, Zutov held talks with Israeli officials and had been regarded as a candidate for Moscow's first envoy to Israel.

[Like Bovin, Zutov is outspoken, and despite his Syrian posting has tried to allay Israeli concerns that Russia is renewing its weapons supply to Syria. That supply ended around 1989, when Gorbachev decided that Syria would have to begin repaying its $11 billion debt to Moscow before receiving more weapons.

[Earlier this year, as a result of pressure from the Russian parliament and arms industry, Moscow decided to restart the arms relationship despite Syria's failure to agree to a schedule to repay that debt. In an interview with the Russian newspaper *Literaturnaya Gazette* in September, Zutov said the materiel consisted mostly of spare parts. However, he also upped the stakes by saying in the interview that Russia might sell the Syrians an air defense system. But he added, "In my opinion, there is no cause for the Israelis to worry. First, there is no agreement for a large supply [of weapons]. Second, Russia remembers, in view of its sponsorship of the Middle East process, that peace is an important thing, more important than in the past."]

For his part, Bovin stresses that Russia remains a minor arms supplier in the Middle East, dwarfed by such countries as the US, France and China.

"Previously, for Russia, the selling of arms to other countries was not an economic problem as much as a political problem," he says. "Now, it's the commercial side that we stress. Sure, there are some political factors, but the main factor is our national interest.

"We had lots of losses when we stopped selling arms because we assumed there would be a New World Order," he adds. "The new order does not exist now, but a new disorder. There is no room [in the arms market]. We are trying to sell arms and so are the French, English and Americans.

"Unfortunately, we missed this market. Now, we are trying to regain our position. We are doing it in consideration of the new political realities. Our military cooperation with Syria has a character that doesn't interfere in the military balance."

How can Russia make money selling weapons to Syria without selling it the kind of advanced systems Damascus is looking for? Syria isn't looking for Kalashnikovs these days.

Bovin smiles. "Once I had a talk with Gorbachev about general human values," he says. "I told him the biggest human value is the Kalashnikov, because it is everywhere."

"I don't know what we are selling to Syria," Bovin continues. "That is why it is difficult to answer your question. But as a policy thinker, I could say that our military cooperation with Syria cannot contradict our national interest. Our main political interest here is the continuation of the peace process and comprehensive peace between Israel and its neighbors. We are not going to do anything to destroy this."

BOVIN HAS his own complaints, regarding trade with Israel. He acknowledges it's not easy doing business in Russia, because of its chaotic conditions such as lack of infrastructure, legislation and an organized market.

But despite several joint projects – such as production of a helicopter and a business-class jet – Israel is not doing enough to open up to Russian business, he says.

"All the time, we are stumbling and struggling with forces that don't like us," Bovin says.

An example: last spring, a Russian exploration company was asked to send a ship to search for oil in the Mediterranean. A month before the ship was to have arrived, Israeli authorities canceled the agreement.

"All of our efforts, even at a very high level, to solve the problem were unsuccessful because some economic organizations were not interested in implementing this," Bovin says.

"This is a very hard market," he stresses.

A senior official at the Industry and Trade Ministry acknowledges problems in Russian trade. He says this stems from the Israeli insistence that every Russian transaction be given specific approval.

"Last week, there was a change," says the official. "An agreement has come into effect whereby they won't require licensing."

"There will still be competition for the Russians," the official added. "They have an image problem. I don't know how a Russian radio will stand up to a Japanese radio."

THERE IS one Russian-related topic Bovin does not include in his bailiwick – Russian Jewish immigration. He avoids discussing the politics of the emigration.

But he does acknowledge that Russian Jews are changing their attitude toward emigration and no longer find it urgent to move to Israel, because of the problems of absorption.

Today, Jews in Moscow know Israel better than ever, even before they consider aliya. "Since we have daily connections with Israel, through telephone, mail, everyone knows everything," he says. "No one is in a hurry [to leave]. For a not-so-old person in the new Russia, it's a country for opportunity and self-realization.

"Antisemitism as a state policy does not exist," he adds. "Sure, we can see antisemitic groups or newspapers. But it's not worse than in the United States or England. It is on a common world level. So it means there is less pressure on Jews."

Touching a raw nerve with the legend of Hanna Szenes

Myths and legends are easily built and destroyed by the mass media, Liat Collins writes

ON November 7, 1944, Hanna Szenes was taken from her Hungarian prison cell and shot. A legend was born.

On November 7, 1994, Israel Television began screening a three-part series called *The Kastner Trial*, which nearly killed the myths surrounding her.

At the last moment, the Israel Broadcasting Authority and the program's creators – playwright Motti Lerner and director Uri Barabash – decided to erase three minutes' text about Szenes in which Kastner charges Szenes with betraying two comrades to the Nazis. The false accusation, which was never made by Kastner, caused a public outcry and was the subject of two separate High Court petitions.

The "Kastner Affair" unleashed powerful passions in Israel in the 1950s against the background of conflicting and emotional suspicions: by many sabras – that European Jewry had gone like lambs to the Nazi slaughter; and by many Holocaust survivors – that the Yishuv did little to stop the mass murder.

The affair unleashed more passions this week when playwright Lerner chose to accuse Szenes of betrayal. He cited poetic license and claimed the accusation was based on the assumptions of Kastner's closest friends.

Many accuse Lerner of having his own agenda. "The play is part of a fashionable attempt at killing all sacred cows and murdering myths. It's just Szenes's turn now," said Likud MK Dov Shilansky. This argument was echoed by Giora Szenes, Hanna's brother, and representatives of the Women in Green, who filed the High Court petitions.

Recently, doubts were cast on whether Joseph Trumpeldor's last words were "It is good to die for our country," as he died in the battle of Tel Hai in 1920. The heroism of Vilna Ghetto resistance leader and poet Abba Kovner has also been attacked; and *Malinki*, a play which opened this month, attacks the once-sacred army and police regarding the murder of Arab farmers at Kafr Kassem in 1956.

TV presenter and *Ha'aretz* columnist Dan Margalit wrote a column in which he suggested – "in the name of freedom of expression" – that Lerner might have thrown the blame on Szenes to compensate for the fact that his grandmother, Zippora Lerner, was one of the five Zichron Ya'acov women who turned in Nili resistance heroine Sarah Aaronsohn to the Turks in 1917. Aaronsohn committed suicide after suffering terrible torture.

All week, newspapers, radio programs and TV shows were filled with names – some well-known, others less so – concerned with different aspects of the Kastner Affair and the attack on Szenes. A sensitive nerve had been touched.

THE HUNGARIAN-born Szenes, a Hagana fighter, parachuted into occupied Europe at the age of 23. She was caught crossing into Hungary from Yugoslavia, tortured by the Nazis, and tried for treason by a Hungarian court.

Generations of Israeli children grew up on the Szenes legend – the young, beautiful paratrooper, kibbutznik and poet who ran barefoot through the sand and wrote songs like "The Road to Caesarea" (better known as "Eli, Eli"). This week, newspaper articles still called her "the Jewish Joan of Arc." She received a posthumous exoneration by the Hungarian government last year.

Among the accusations leveled against Israel Kastner (left) was his failure to intercede on behalf of Hanna Szenes (right).

Israel (Rudolph) Kastner was a Hungarian Zionist leader who negotiated with Adolf Eichmann on the basis of trading trucks and money for Jewish lives. Some 1,700 people, most of them affluent Jews, including many of Kastner's relatives and friends, eventually left Budapest on "Kastner's train" to Switzerland.

Kastner was running for the Knesset on the Mapai list in 1953 when he was accused of collaboration in a pamphlet published by Malkiel Gruenwald.

Kastner sued Gruenwald for libel. At the trial, defense attorney Shmuel Tamir attacked Kastner's connections with the Nazis and took on the role of Kastner's prosecutor. Among the accusations leveled against him was failing to intercede on Szenes's behalf.

Justice Benjamin Halevi, president of the Jerusalem District Court, said Kastner had "sold his soul to the devil" by testifying for major war criminals after the war, thus securing their release.

Kastner was shot and fatally wounded in March 1957 by Lehi-affiliated Ze'ev Eckstein as he parked his car on a Tel Aviv street. Kastner's name was later cleared by the Supreme Court.

"EVERY GENERATION fights to prevent its myths being shattered, as this would harm its very credo," said Dalia Liran-Alper, a senior lecturer in communications at Beit Berl and the Tel Aviv School of Management. "However, whenever a myth dies, a new one is created," she said.

In this case, for example, the attack on Szenes is matched by a rise in sympathy for Kastner, she noted. "Society needs myths as a unifying factor, to convey the values it wants to protect," she said. "Myths are nearly always about a person or figure. We speak about the early [Israeli] pioneer as a general myth, but it always comes back to the Dosh caricature of the man in a *kova tembel* and sandals."

In an article in *Al Hamishmar* in 1985, when Lerner wrote the stage play *Kastner*, the playwright said: "I grew up on a long list of heroes whose common denominator was that they were killed. The result of [that kind of] bravery was Bar-Kochba's suicide and Masada.... The choice of Kastner was different – he chose life as the highest value."

"Most myths do focus on those who died, like Trumpeldor and Szenes," said Liran-Alper. "This is because a hero or heroine needs to be dramatic. They also need to be an uncomplicated character with a 'catchy' message like Trumpeldor's statement."

IBA director-general Mordechai Kirschenbaum echoed this when noting the number of different books, plays, films and versions of the life and death of John F. Kennedy.

Myths and legends are easily built and destroyed by the mass media, Liran-Alper said. All social institutions like the education system and mass media influence myths. "Most myths are emotional, not rational, and therefore television is well suited to building or breaking them," she said. "Media pluralism leads to greater chances of avant-gardism which leads to more myth breaking. There is a sort of progression from theater, which is more elitist, to cinema to television. "The education system, on the other hand, is conservative by nature and will preserve myths, polish them and reuse them. It will be the last to destroy a myth."

Liran-Alper's students, like others around the country, discussed the stories of Kastner and Szenes this week. "The consensus was that it's legitimate to criticize the Kastner case, but it was interesting to note that although [the students] are the third generation after the Holocaust, their sympathy towards the Holocaust survivors is definitely different and stronger than that of the second generation," she said. "They are more skeptical of sacred cows and critical. Their attitude reflects the fact that some of the myths of the Yishuv have also been shattered."

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Machpela Cave: Metaphor for a divided land

Hebron's holy Tomb of the Patriarchs has a long history of struggle and enmity between Jew and Moslem, **Herb Keinon** reports

HANAN Porat was not in a talkative mood Monday morning as he drove through the streets of Hebron. The National Religious Party MK was concentrating on the road, on maneuvering through the numerous IDF roadblocks, on trying to see through heavy mist and rain.

Porat was on his way home from morning services at the Machpela Cave, which had reopened that day, nearly nine months after Baruch Goldstein killed 29 Moslem worshipers there.

Only one question elicited Porat's interest: "Will the new prayer arrangements in the cave last?"

"They are untenable," he said. "You can't limit the Jews to 300 people in the cave on Shabbat. The pressure will build up. The arrangements will have to change."

If the history of the cave over the last 27 years is any indication, Porat may well be proven correct.

Since Hebron surrendered to the Jerusalem Brigade on June 8, 1967, a day after Jerusalem was captured, the Machpela Cave – holy to both Jews and Moslems – has been a source of unending friction between members of the two faiths.

It has also been a site where numerous attempts to establish an arrangement to ensure coexistence have failed. The Moslem authorities have consistently tried to keep the Jews out and limit their access, while the Jews have slowly succeeded in gaining more and more access.

HEROD ENCLOSED the cave – traditionally believed to include the tombs of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah – some 2,000 years ago by building a massive structure around it. Remnants of this structure, built above the cave, still exist.

The Byzantines built a church on the site, and Moslems later turned it into a mosque. In the 13th century, the Sultan Baybars forbade Jews and Christians to enter the mosque, an arrangement that lasted until June 8, 1967.

Immediately after the city was captured, defense minister Moshe Dayan sat with Hebron notables and drew up a timetable for visits, a timetable he hoped would not interfere with Moslem prayers at the site.

Moslem religious leaders have consistently maintained that the cave, as the site of the ancient Ibrahim Mosque built over the tomb of Abraham, is exclusively a Moslem holy spot. Any encroachment by Jews in the cave-turned-mosque, which for nearly a millennium was under exclusive Moslem control, is deemed an affront.

"The Jews have no rights to pray in the cave," Hebron resident Hamadi Natshe said outside the tomb when it reopened Monday. "Maybe later, when we have a state, they can pray in the cave when it is completely clear that we are the owners, that the cave is ours."

For many Jews, however, a nearly 1,000-year Moslem claim pales in comparison to their rights to the site, recorded in detail in Genesis, chapter 23.

The Bible states that after Abraham gave Ephron the Hittite 400 shekels for the site, "Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpela before Mamre, the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan."

Basing herself on this passage, Hebron Jewish activist Orit Shtruck, standing a few meters away from Natshe, said: "The Moslems have no right to the cave. It is a Jewish place.

But since Israel gives freedom of worship, we let all pray there. Still, we are the owners, the cave belongs to us."

The Machpela Cave is where the Palestinian-Israeli struggle is at its most raw. It telescopes the heart of the struggle: two peoples both emotionally claiming one piece of land.

At issue for the Jews is a 4,000-year-old claim, and for the Moslems, hegemony over the nearly 1,000-year-old mosque.

A Border Policeman helps a worshiper at the Machpela Cave this week after its long-awaited reopening. (Brian Hendler)

The cave has been described as a metaphor of the entire conflict. If so, the prospects don't look too bright.

The new division in the cave this week, after months of deliberation, essentially divides it in two parts. Under these arrangements, the Moslems can pray in the Isaac Hall and the adjoining Jalawiya Mosque, while Jews receive the smaller Abraham and Jacob Halls, a corridor for circumcisions, and a partially covered courtyard.

Jews and Moslems enter the cave from completely different entrances. Ten days a year each religion will have complete access to the cave for its holidays. In the early stages, each religion will be limited to 300 people in the cave at one time.

A similar arrangement was applied in August 1975. A *Jerusalem Post* account at the time reads uncannily as if it were written this week: "Under the new arrangements, the large ('Isaac and Rebecca') hall will be reserved for Moslem prayers without any time limitation, while the two smaller halls ('Abraham and Sarah' and 'Jacob and Leah') will be used by Jewish worshipers, also without time limitations. Jewish and Moslem worshipers will enter the tomb through separate entrances.... There will be no Jewish prayers there on Friday, the Moslem holy day, until sunset."

This proposal, drawn up by then-defense minister Shimon Peres, followed years of friction and violence at the site that started when Dayan first met with the Hebron leaders and drew up visiting hours.

FOR THE first year after 1967, no Jewish prayer quorums were allowed, but Jews prayed individually when they visited the cave. The first major conflict arose on Yom Kippur 1968, when settlers, who had moved into Hebron's Park Hotel in Pessah of that year, demanded to hold Kol Nidre services at the site. This marked the first time that Jews were authorized to hold prayers inside the cave.

A few days later, a grenade was thrown at a group of Jews as they were about to enter the cave; 47 were injured, 15 seriously. A month later another explosion caused by Fatah killed an Arab boy and injured eight others. As a result, the IDF leveled a number of houses directly opposite the tomb where they felt ambushes could occur.

From 1968 to 1971 there were numerous scuffles and incidents, as Jews tried to increase their six-hour access to the cave.

In 1971 Jews gained permission to bring in a Torah scroll, which would be housed in the Abraham Hall. Soon afterwards a scroll was desecrated in the cave, and books of Psalms were damaged. This intensified calls to increase Jewish access to the site.

A fracas erupted in July 1975, when an Arab funeral procession tried to file past Abraham's tomb while Jews were praying there. Some 35 Arabs were arrested, and it became clear that dividing the cave according to hours of access was not going to work.

It was this incident that precipitated the division of the cave along lines similar to those adopted this week. This division, which allowed Jews access to the cave throughout the day, touched off violent protests in Hebron.

The area erupted again a year later, in September 1976, when the desecration of a Koran in the cave was followed by the desecration of Torah scrolls and other Jewish religious objects. The cave was closed for two weeks.

Over the next three years Jews tried to gain a foothold in the Isaac Hall, despite the 1975 arrangement.

In 1979 the Likud government, on the recommendation of then-defense minister Ezer Weizman, approved prayer in this hall; deemed the most sacred because it has two openings that lead to the original cave holding the patriarchs' tombs.

For the next 10 years the battle would be over Jewish Friday night prayers, which were eventually allowed, and bringing a Torah into the Isaac Hall, which was also allowed.

The situation that existed before Baruch Goldstein's Purim rampage was that the cave was open to all, except that Isaac Hall – where the massacre took place – was closed to Jews during Moslem prayers. On Friday the cave was closed to Jews until a few minutes before sunset.

One *minyan* was allowed in the Isaac Hall per morning, though Jews could pray there individually throughout the day.

Time will tell whether the current "solution" will endure or whether, as Porat said, "pressure will build up" and force another arrangement at the site.

Married at the tomb

ON June 15, 1967, exactly a week after IDF troops moved into Hebron, Meir Broza, an IDF reservist wounded in the battle for Jerusalem, married Rahel Meyouhas in the shadow of the Machpela Cave.

That same summer a number of other couples were married outside the cave – as many others were at Mount Scopus and the Western Wall – as tangible expressions of the euphoria and relief that followed the war.

"My husband was in hospital when the war ended," Rahel Broza said this week from Florida, where she and her husband, a biologist, are on sabbatical leave. "My father was born in Hebron, and my husband's unit was the one that captured it.

"We were sitting in the hospital room with some friends, and just thought it would be nice to get married there."

The Brozas were the first Jewish couple married in the city since the Arab massacre drove Jews out in 1929.

The couple advertised the wedding in a few newspapers, invited Meir's entire army unit, and saw it as a way for still-mobilized soldiers to see their wives for the first time since the war.

"A convoy left Binyenei Ha'uma, and by the time we got to Hebron there were 600 people," Rahel Broza said.

"A number of people, including some haredim, saw the ad in the paper, and just hooked up to the convoy as a way to finally see Hebron and the cave.

"My parents were killed in the War of Independence," she continued. "But I had an aunt who always spoke about Hebron. It was something to go to a place that was so close to Jerusalem, but always so far away."

Broza, who described herself as secular and politically left, said that at the time she never thought the cave would be such a bone of contention.

"Like everyone, we thought our problems would end with the war, and that this would bring peace," she said.

"We thought that a situation would arise where Jews could be at the cave, Arabs could be at the cave, and that everything would work out. We had illusions." *H.K.*

For these women, the road to Beijing is through Jerusalem

Hundreds of Jewish women leaders are meeting here to plan strategies for next year's UN Conference on Women, **Greer Fay Cashman** writes

PNINA Herzog believes in showing her roots – and in grass roots.

She is strongly in favor of international women's conferences, including the one now being held in Jerusalem.

"They give Israelis a platform and an opportunity to express themselves," said Herzog, president of World Emunah, an organization of religious women.

For scores of Jewish women leaders representing establishment and grassroots organizations and institutions, the road to Beijing is via Jerusalem.

Jewish women representing more than 20 countries are meeting here to prepare for the Fourth UN World Conference on Women, to be held in China's capital next year. The International Jewish Women Leaders' Conference Towards Beijing opened on Wednesday and ends tomorrow.

Though not always a member of the Israeli delegation at the numerous international conferences she has attended, during which some Israelis endured snubs and slurs, Herzog has never hidden her citizenship.

"It was always clear where I came from," she said.

Herzog and others say the several hundred women at the conference came here to gain a better understanding of issues confronting women all over the world and to develop strategies which will help them to be effective at the Beijing conference and in their home countries.

"Women should be given a larger share of resources. Women must have an equal share of political, economic and social space," said veteran women's rights activist Bella Abzug, 74.

Abzug, a former member of the US House of Representatives from New York, is one of the few participants at the meeting here who has attended all three UN world conferences on women.

For fellow US attorney Judith L. Lichtman, president of the Washington-headquartered Women's Legal Defense Fund, the gathering in Jerusalem is a unique experience.

"I've never attended an international conference," said Lichtman, 54. "The focus of my work is domestic policy, but I'm interested and concerned at how women's issues and Jewish women's issues will fare" in Beijing.

Masha Lubelsky, deputy minister of industry and trade, emphasized the importance of solidarity and sisterhood.

DURING A visit to China in 1991, Lubelsky – who was then secretary-general of Na'amat, the Histadrut women's organization, and a member of the Histadrut executive – met with the Chinese Women's Committee, whose members asked her to lobby for Beijing to be the venue for the UN Fourth World Conference on Women.

Lubelsky diplomatically commented on the fact that the status of Chinese women does not reflect an egalitarian government policy.

The response was that if the conference were held in Beijing, it would have both national and international consciousness-raising repercussions which could only result in the betterment of conditions for Chinese women.

Likud MK Naomi Blumenthal, cochair of the Knesset Committee for the Advancement of the Status of Women, agreed with other participants that international conferences can effect change.

While actual goals may not always be reached, Blumenthal said, "there are gradual changes and there is progress."

Blumenthal is proud of the fact that of 35 laws passed by the 13th Knesset, nine are directly related to the status of women. If there were more women in the Knesset, she said, the ratio of legislation specifically affecting women would be higher.

PARTICIPANTS at the Jerusalem conference are curious about the kind of reception the Israeli delegation to Beijing will be accorded by Arab and Moslem women.

At previous UN world conferences on women, delegates from countries hostile to Israel initiated anti-Zionist resolutions and walked out when Israeli speakers had the floor.

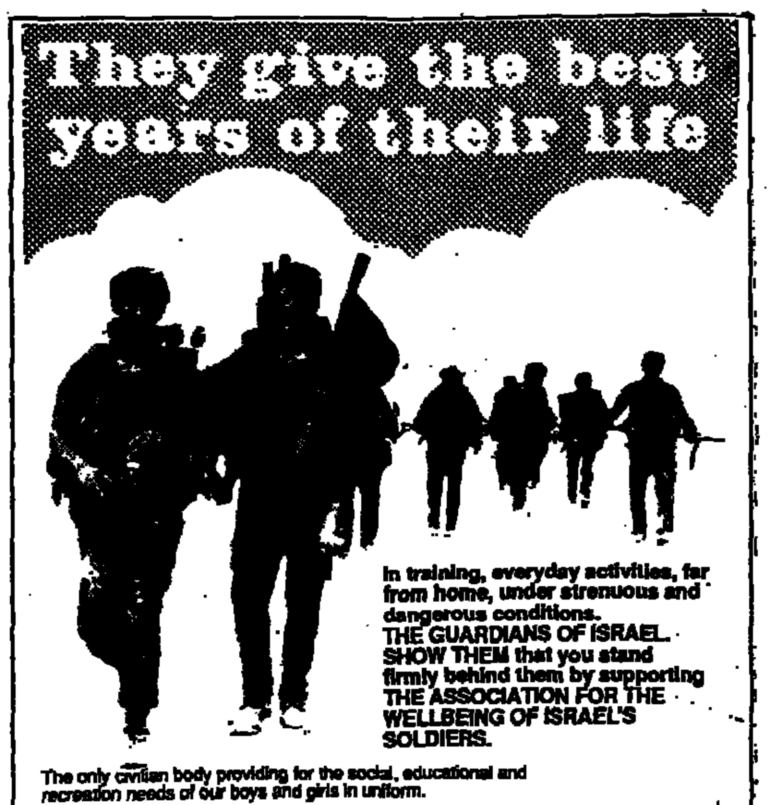
Israeli and other Jewish women who attended the 1975 conference in Mexico vividly remember the trauma of that gathering's surprise resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Observing that the Beijing conference will take place in "a completely different world" compared with that of the Mexico meeting, World WIZO (Women's International Zionist Organization) president Raya Jaglom said one task ahead is to forge a common bond in the fight against terrorism.

The main objective, however, remains the need to ensure equality for women, she said.

International Council of Jewish Women president Helen Marr of Canada said she believes delegates to the UN conference will get on with business and not be sidetracked by political issues.

"I'm optimistic that the Beijing conference will not be wasted on hatred and vilification," Marr said.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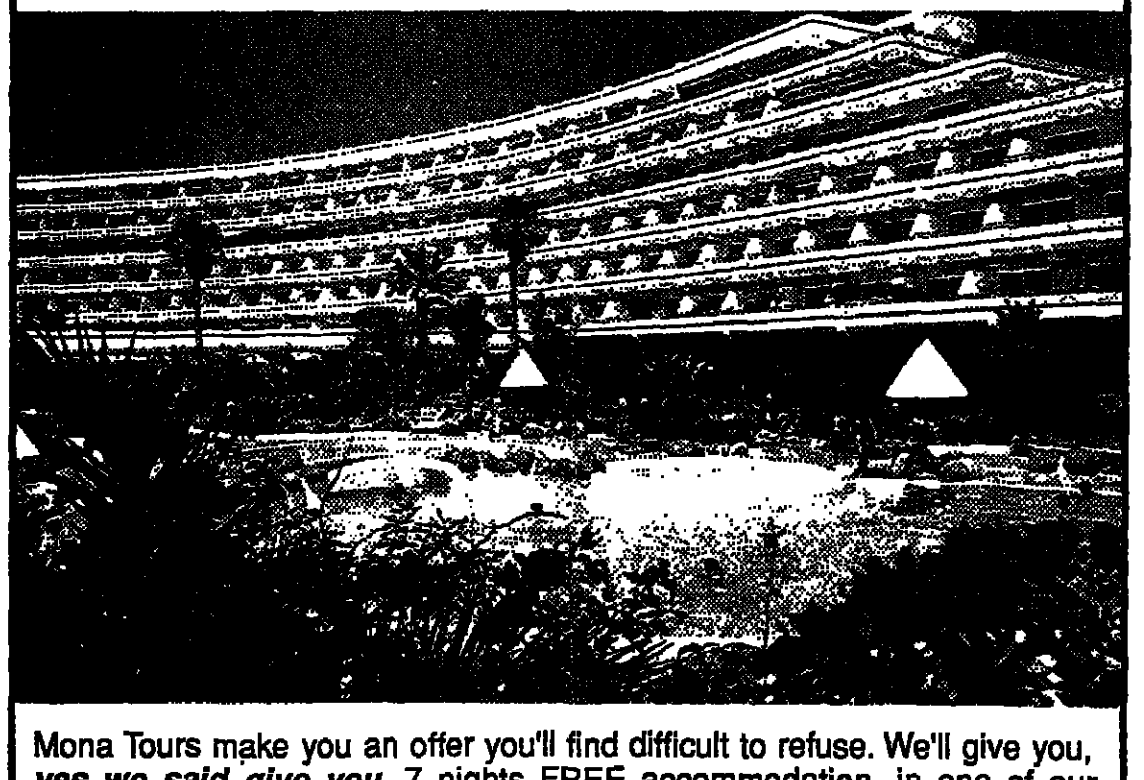

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EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

MANY believed that after the Tel Aviv bus bombing, apologists for Hamas would be banished from civilized society.

President Ezer Weizman, a certified dove, expressed what most people seemed to feel: Terrorists capable of such atrocities should be "torn apart and destroyed."

But it took the media only hours to launch a sanitization campaign. The afternoon of the massacre, CNN news host Hilary Bowker had Rosemary Hollis of the Royal United Services Institute as an expert guest on the program. Following are excerpts from their dialogue:

BOWKER: [When] *most of us sort of hear the word, or the term Hamas, we think of a terrorist act somewhere. But the group actually does quite a bit more than that on the ground, doesn't it?*

HOLLIS: Well ... they are part of the community. Many professionals of Hamas ... will perform functions for the wider community ... in the schools or in the clinics or through the mosques, general support for the needs of the poor people.

BOWKER: There were reports in the early days that the Israeli government was turning a blind eye to funding for Hamas. In fact, they thought that perhaps Hamas would provide a divide-and-conquer issue, if you will, for the PLO.

HOLLIS: There's still a sense that that is one of the elements in this game.... Hamas is the source of division within the Palestinian community. There's still the inkling of a chance that one day, Israel might be dealing with Hamas rather than Arafat.

CNN WAS the first, but by no means the only, network that tried to put the blame on Israel for funding Hamas.

Running through most programs was the almost identical theme: Hamas is really a charitable organization. And if it also kills, Israel has only itself to blame, since it supported Hamas to "divide and conquer."

CNN's defense of Hamas was hardly the most effective. In turning a massacre of Israelis into pro-Palestinian propaganda, no one is a greater virtuoso than ABC-TV's Peter Jennings.

Anchoring a program from Gaza two days after the Tel Aviv bombing, he managed *never* to say that Hamas had ever killed anyone. Hamas may attack and it may bomb, but it never kills.

The only time he mentioned killing was in reference to the "Jewish settler's attack on a mosque which killed many Palestinians on February 25 this year." This, Jennings explained, was the reason for the Hamas "attack on that Israeli bus."

Even more incredibly, there was never a mention of the number of Israeli casualties. ABC's *World News Tonight* is the most popular news program in the US. As the network advertises: More people get their news from ABC-TV than from any other source.

Nor did Jennings find it appropriate to interview a single Israeli after the event. He preferred to talk at length to Chairman Arafat, who, says Jennings with exemplary detachment, "is under tremendous pressure from the Israelis to do something about the Palestinian Islamic movement Hamas. And he cannot do as much as he would like."

A quarter of the program was devoted to a description of Hamas:

"Hamas as an organization first got worldwide attention when the Israeli government expelled 400 of its members to southern Lebanon in the fall of 1992.

"The Israelis had hoped to break Hamas.... Instead, the organization was made stronger. [How much the media, with Jennings leading the pack, had to do with glorifying the Hamas 400 is somehow omitted here.]

"These very devout and politically aware Moslems who lived in tents through the very cold winter were doctors and engineers, teachers and lawyers and university professors from the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. After a year, when the Israelis were pressured into letting them come home, they were heroes....

"Hamas was, and still is, a grassroots movement centered mainly in the mosques and at Palestinian universities. The message is fairly simple – those who adopt an Islamic way of life relieve the suffering encountered in their modern lives. In the Palestinian refugee camps, which are abysmal, this righteousness is much admired.

"For a long time, the Israelis were actively encouraging Hamas as a way of undermining the Palestine Liberation Organization. Indirectly, Israel helped Hamas financially by giving money to religious schools and mosques.

"... But then the Hamas began to change. They formed a military wing. At first the targets were Palestinian drug dealers and prostitutes. And then Palestinians who collaborated with the Israelis. And then, Israelis themselves.

"In 1988, Hamas released a covenant which made its intentions toward Israel absolutely clear – the Jewish state was illegitimate, and it is a Moslem obligation to liberate the land. It was after a series of attacks on Israeli Border Police that the Hamas 400 were deported....

"The Israelis have arrested the spiritual leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. Hamas tried to get him back by kidnapping an Israeli soldier, who subsequently died when the Israelis tried to rescue him by force.

"And now, the bus. The politics of revenge. Once again, Jews and Moslems, victims of the land on which they live."

The kidnap-murders of policemen are described as "attacks on Israeli Border Police." Nahshon Wachsman was not killed by Hamas; he "subsequently died." And to cap it all, the eternal moral equivalence: Jews and Moslems, victims.

The only challenge left for Jennings is to find a way to blame Israel for the Islamic upheavals in Algeria (11,000 dead), Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Sudan etc.

How doall these movements manage to get off the ground without Israeli financing and the expulsion of their teachers and intellectuals to icy mountains by the IDF is awaiting his nimble explanation.

TO TOP such a performance was not easy. But Tom Brokaw, Jennings's competitor on NBC-TV, tried hard.

Dragging "moral equivalence" to the bottom of the barrel, Brokaw presented a show, live from Jerusalem, called "The Story of the Israeli Fathers."

Following is the transcript of the show, screened on October 27:

TOM BROKAW (Jerusalem): Tonight, we leave Jerusalem with the story of two families – one Jewish, one Arab – caught in the bitterness and tragedy of this land.

This story begins, but it does not end, with the kidnapping this month of a young Israeli soldier. He was taken by the radical Islamic group Hamas, which wanted to trade him for Hamas prisoners.

When 19-year-old Nahshon Wachsman showed up on that Hamas videotape, it was the last picture of him alive.

He was killed when Israeli commandos stormed the Hamas house. A young commando was also killed, and three of the Palestinian kidnappers.

Wachsman's father had been thinking of lessons from his son's death. So has the father of one of the young Palestinians killed in the shoot-out. Yehuda Wachsman and his wife, Esther, now spend much of their day reading thousands of letters of sympathy from around the world.

Mr. Wachsman does not want revenge, but he does want Islamic fundamentalists to realize what they're doing.

YEHUDA WACHSMAN: The brainwash of the spiritual leaders and the religious leaders is a sin. The young children are looking for meaning in life, and they are giving them the very, very wrong way.

BROKAW: Tyassir Natsche, a wealthy Arab merchant, does not blame the Islamic faith for his son's decision to become a kidnapper.

He believes his son Hassan was tired of taking abuse from Israeli soldiers. Another son, Terrik, was beaten recently by a masked man he said emerged from an Israeli police car. Even so, Natsche would like to meet Yehuda Wachsman.

TYASSIR NATSCHE (through translator): I want to tell Wachsman's father that I offer condolences from all my heart. My son is not a killer. If he wanted to kill Wachsman, he would have done so at the beginning.

BROKAW: But Natsche cannot forgive the Israeli raid.

NATSCHE: If the army had called me, I could have mediated between the two sides in a way that would have satisfied them both.

BROKAW: As for Mr. Wachsman, he is encouraged the future is getting brighter, even in this dark time.

WACHSMAN: We have a big future if it is peace in this area. Everybody has a big future. Why should we kill each other? We have children. The next generation and the next generation will live here in peace, and people will not die from bullets.

BROKAW: Two fathers in the Middle East, both grieving, trying to make sense of all this. Both religious men joined, for now, only in the deaths of their sons.

What's next? A joint interview with Baruch Goldstein's mother and the mother of one of his victims? Don't hold your breath.

Peace is for brothers

VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

"Why of the sheep do you not learn peace?"
"Because I don't want you to shear my fleece."
William Blake, *Epigrams*, "An answer to the Parson."

THE TANACH contains the term "*shalom*," meaning "peace, harmony," nearly 250 times in its various constructions, usually in connection with the ideal of a world without war.

The talmudic sages, too, speak of *shalom* numerous times in connection with the same vision.

Add to this the countless references to the ideal by the Tanach and the sages without using the term.

Probably the most famous biblical expressions of the Jewish peace vision are "...they shall beat their swords into plowshares..." (Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-5), and "...the wolf shall dwell with the lamb" (Isaiah 11:6-8).

Some of the many cogent talmudic expressions are those of Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel, Rabbi Elazar and Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi. The former says: "Three things sustain the world: justice, truth and *shalom*." The latter two make a virtually heretical assertion: If the Jews worship idols but *shalom* prevails among them, Satan – and even God Himself – cannot prevail against them.

Rabbi Muna adds to Rabbi Shimon's statement: Justice, truth and *shalom* all add up to the same thing: If justice is done, truth is served and *shalom* is attained (*Avot* 1:18; *Yerushalmi Taanit* 4:2; *Derech Eretz Zuta, "Perek Hashalom"*; *Bereshit Rabba* 38:6; *Bemidbar Rabba* 11:7).

Recently, I sought expressions of the peace ideal in Islamic sources and the writings of scholars of Islam I have in my possession, in English and Hebrew (I cannot read Arabic).

For a start, I re-scoured several English and Hebrew translations of the Koran, with their indices, and several books on Islam.

None of my Korans lists "peace" in the index. A search in the text turned up just one explicit reference: "If two parties of believers take up arms against each other, make peace between them.... Make peace among your brothers" (Sura 49, "The Chambers," verses 9-10).

There is also a reference to arbitration to resolve a quarrel between husband and wife, and a promise of reward to those who mediate "in a good cause" (Sura 4, "Women," verses 35 and 83).

I found nothing about peace as a universal ideal and value.

I was about to check other sources at the library and consult experts, when I read a report about an Education Ministry project to produce a collection of quotations on peace from Jewish and Moslem sources, for use in the schools. The report said the ministry had abandoned the project because the editors had not found enough Islamic statements extolling peace (*Ha'aretz*, October 31).

A leading local Jewish Islamist/Arabist, Hebrew University Prof. Emanuel Sivan, found the ministry's abandonment of the project and its explanation "strange." When I asked why, Sivan, a leading member of our "peace camp," said that if the editors had searched further, they would have found contemporary pro-peace statements by modernizing Moslem authorities and intellectuals. By way of example he cited the 1979 declaration by the Islamic authorities in Egypt supporting the pact with Israel.

So, the classic Islamic sources indeed lack praises of the virtues of peace as a universal ideal.

He had also told *Ha'aretz* that in Judaism "you can find, if you try, all kinds of extreme and embarrassing statements" of a bellicose or xenophobic nature.

That, of course, is a red herring. It does not explain away the paucity of pro-peace statements in the classic, authoritative Islamic sources, as compared to the wealth of such statements in the Jewish sources.

Moreover, the Jewish sources do, indeed, contain some, but very far from "all kinds of," bellicose or xenophobic statements. If Sivan wishes to include in this category the statements of a tiny handful of contemporary Jewish Arabophobes, he must also include statements by their numerous Moslem/Arab counterparts – including such "moderates" as Yasser Arafat and Faisal Husseini. The bellicose, xenophobic Moslem/Arabs overwhelmingly outnumber the Moslem Arabs publicly extolling peace with the Jewish state, or peace in general, as a value.

The world, especially the members of what Israel Zangwill called the League of Trembling Israelites, erupts in a tornado of moral indignation when a Jew quotes Kach founder Meir Kahane approvingly or points to good qualities of Baruch Goldstein, who committed the massacre in the Machpela Cave last February.

Did you hear any uproar when Arafat recently praised two Moslem/Arab murderers of Jews as "my brother warriors"?

He thus hailed Abdel Hadi Ghaneim, who in July 1989 caused an Egged bus to roll down a steep hillside near Abu Ghosh, killing 18, and Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, founder of the Hamas murder sect. The PLO chief lauded them as his comrades-in-arms "in the holy war and struggle for the liberation of Palestine [and] the establishment of a Palestinian state whose capital is Jerusalem."

ANOTHER LEADING local Islamist/Arabist, Tel Aviv University Prof. Shimon Shamir, also thinks that the cause of the failure of *shalom* to prevail between us and our neighbors lies largely in – of course – us. We simply have not done enough to become an integral part of our region.

Shamir, who was ambassador to Egypt from 1988 to 1990, thinks we "must learn to speak to our neighbors as an Israel that is part of the Middle East and not as an Israel talking *to* the Middle East" (*The Jerusalem Post,* November 4).

The problem, it seems, is not that the Arab intellectual, political and religious elites did not and do not want us here as sovereigns, an attitude they have amply displayed by words, clubs, swords, guns, stones, knives and bombs in the century since it started becoming clear to them that we had returned home not to be their protégés, but to reestablish our sovereignty.

The problem, it seems, isn't that those elites have stubbornly refused to comprehend the nature of Jewish faith-peoplehood.

The problem is that we did not "talk to them in the language they understand."

Prof. Shamir is right in that, until very recently, no Arab ruler indicated that he understood any language but might, overwhelming might – a language we have pretended not to know how to speak well.

Too many members of today's Arab elites, especially those referring to themselves by the latter-day Philistine designation, still do not seem to understand any other language.

The high-level English Shamir finds them speaking is no earnest of their intentions towards the sovereign Jewish state in "their" region.

INCIDENTALLY, the term "Middle East" was coined in 1901 by US Adm. Alfred Thayer and was popularized in speeches in 1916 by Sir Mark Sykes (Karl E. Meyer, *The New York Times*).

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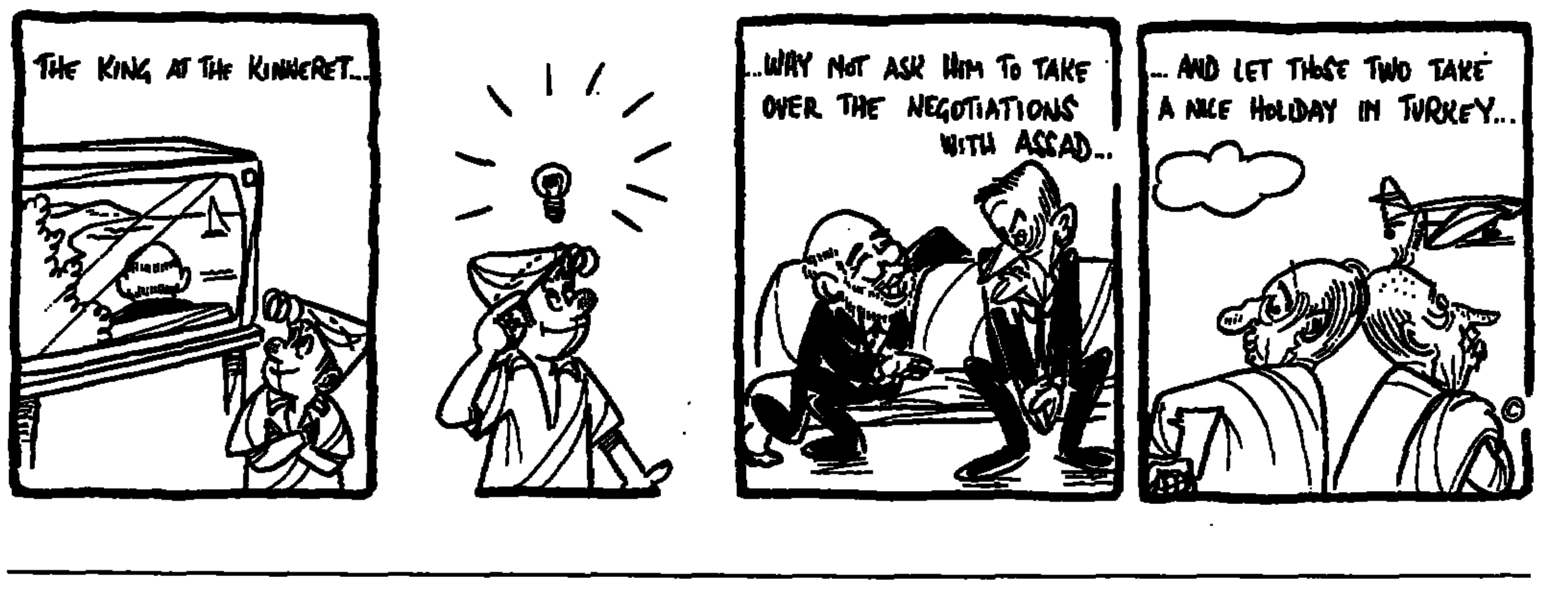
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God is not a wheeler-dealer type

SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

If God will be with me, and will guard me in this road that I am going, and give me bread to eat, and garments to wear, and restore me in peace to the house of my father, then the Lord will be for me as God, and this stone, which I have made a monument, shall be God's house, and from all that God gives me I shall tithe. (Gen. 28:20-22.)

LET'S make a deal, God. you restore my health, and I'll donate $100,000 to the new wing of my local hospital.

If making a deal with God is not an authentic expression of Divine service, but an attempt to manipulate, what are we to make of Jacob's conditional vow in this week's portion?

After fleeing from his brother Esau's wrath, he spends the night in open fields gathering stones. That night he dreams of a ladder linking heaven to earth, with ascending and descending angels.

On awakening, Jacob is so awed by his experience that he makes the oath quoted above. Is this not a conditional vow, a deal with the Almighty? Is it religiously valid?

In another context, the sages of the Talmud (*Pesahim* 8a) take up a similar issue: "If a person says I will give this *sela* to charity so that my son may live, he is a complete *tzaddik* [righteous person]." A superficial reading of this passage indicates that such deals with God are in order.

Rabbenu Hananel thinks not, and he cites an alternative reading which changes only one word, but which nevertheless has enormous significance. Instead of *tzaddik* (righteous person) we should read *tzedek* (charity), substituting the generous opinion of the person's character with the quality of his act. Thus, the gift is complete charity (*tzedek* or *tzedaka*), but the individual is not necessarily completely righteous.

Rabbenu Hananel wants us to understand that such a conditional vow does not vitiate the gift; but it does make the giver somewhat less than praiseworthy.

Our usually accepted reading of the text, "he is a complete *tzaddik*," is questioned by the Ba'alei Tosafot as well. The *Ethics of the Fathers* teaches that a person should not be like a servant who serves his master in order to receive a reward.

The Ba'alei Tosafot (and Rashi) explain the passage to mean that the individual is not making his charity an absolutely conditional gift. It is important to note that the Hebrew doesn't read "*al menat* [on condition that]" my son live, but rather "*k'dei* [so that]" my son will live.

THUS, A vow to the Almighty that is conditioned upon a reward is not worth anything, and we must reconsider Jacob's vow.

First, we must note that a conditional statement comprises an "if" clause and a "then" clause: *if* such and such happens, *then* I will do such and such. The usual translations of our biblical passage understand the "if" and "then" clauses of Jacob's vow in the following manner: *If* God will feed, clothe and keep Jacob alive, *then* Jacob will accept the Lord as his God, and he will tithe his earnings.

But Rashi clarifies the conditions of the verse, mitigating our theological problem considerably. "If God ... will guard me in this road ... and He will give me bread to eat and garments to wear and will restore me in peace to the house of my father, and the Lord will be for me as a God, then this stone which I have made a monument shall be God's house, and from all that God gives me I shall tithe."

Rashi explains that "the Lord will be for me as a God" is part of the "if" clause and not the "then" clause, and is thus a condition and not a result. It means, Rashi explains, "if my children will follow in my path," for the four-letter name of God connotes future continuity.

Moreover, the list of specifics in Jacob's "if" clause are not new demands he is bringing as part of a deal, but rather a list of promises God has already made to him and to his forebears.

Jacob is saying that if God does everything He said He would do, if Jacob's possible sins will not interfere with the Divine plan, then Jacob will return to Beit El, erect a temple to God and tithe to God.

Hence, Jacob is not expressing a condition but is explaining a logical result.

Nahmanides accepts Rashi's premise – that Jacob is not striking a bargain with God, but merely expressing a fact and a result – but with a variation on the theme.

He does take the phrase "the Lord shall be for me as a God" as part of the "then" clause, "if You [God] will return me to the land of my fathers, then the Lord shall be for me as a God." However, for Nahmanides this is not a conditional bargain but a fact and a result: If Jacob remains outside of Israel, he will ipso facto be exiled from his God.

I'D LIKE to suggest a third interpretation relating to the two major names of God in the Torah: *Elohim,* which reflects the judgment of God, and *Yud, Hei, Vav, Hei,* which expresses God's attribute of love and compassion.

Jacob's vow to God means that under all circumstances he will serve God as *Elohim,* as the God of judgment. But if the things God promised will indeed come to pass, and Jacob will be cared for by God in a personal and compassionate way, then a Lord of compassion will be revealed to him as his God. Once again, Jacob is not striking a bargain with God; he is stating a fact and a result.

It is important to add that the young Jacob of this week's portion learns a great deal by the end of his life.

Jacob experiences little Divine compassion in his life. He is hurt by the lack of a father's love and appreciation, he is forced to flee his homeland and escape from a vengeful brother, he works two decades for a scoundrel uncle, he loses a young, beloved wife, and he is separated for 22 years from his favorite son, whom he gives up for dead. Then he spends the end of his life in Egyptian exile.

Nevertheless, an aged Jacob blesses his grandchildren: "May the angel who has redeemed me from all evil bless these children."

Jacob has been transformed into Israel, a name which connotes strength and victory in battle.

The God of justice has indeed become his God of compassion and redemption, because he found the inner strength to confront – and overcome – all obstacles.

Shabbat Shalom

There's a long way to go before we reach the home stretch

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Out of Africa, UK tycoon looks back

Tiny Rowland says he doesn't have a single enemy, although even his friends describe him as ruthless and vengeful, **Patrick Weaver** writes from London

British tycoon Roland 'Tiny' Rowland, left, ends his long feud with Harrods department store chief Mohammed Fayed. Between them is the famous shark of Harrods' food court, eating another shark labeled 'Dieter Bock,' who overthrew Rowland.

IT was the day after the coup and "the last tycoon" was relaxing at home.

Ruthless, obsessive, vengeful – and that is his friends' description – this is the man who made powerful men quake in his presence.

The morning papers had talked of a bitter boardroom battle ending the 33-year reign of Tiny Rowland at Lonrho, the giant gold, platinum, hotels and agriculture empire be forged from nothing.

But at his Chester Square home Rowland was relaxed, benevolent and indulging his talent as a raconteur.

"I don't have an enemy in the world," he said.

Is this the man who conducted the most ferocious vendetta in British corporate history, spending £20 million ($32 million) harrying Mohammed Fayed, who beat him to control of the House of Fraser and its coveted Harrods store?

"You can hate the deed but not the *man*," explained Rowland's vivacious wife, Josie.

Then what of Dieter Bock, the German property financier Tiny welcomed into the company who has now overthrown him?

"I don't hate Bock. I am having dinner with him on Wednesday at Claridges and we will chat about everything. We shall slap each other on the back," he said.

But later, asked which figure from literature he identified with, Rowland said with a twinkle: "I could tell you who Bock is like. Have you read J. B. Priestley's *Angel Pavement*? It was the one book my mother insisted I read before I went to the City."

Angel Pavement describes how an outsider worms his way into a family business and takes control. It is an analogy which would be rejected by Bock's supporters, who see him as Lonrho's savior.

Rowland gave the impression that his happiest days were in Africa, where Lonrho began life in Rhodesia. He recalled early days in mining: "You could see there were emeralds in the gravel pits. You could tease them out with your nails," he said. "We arrived at six in the evening and by four next morning we had bought those holes in the ground."

There were setbacks. Rowland's visionary oil pipeline from Mozambique to Rhodesia was barely built when Ian Smith's unilateral declaration of independence, and the sanctions that followed, scuppered its prospects of making a profit.

"Two days before he declared UDI, I asked him not to do it," he said. "I said it would spread bitterness through Africa."

He recalled how he and colleagues, including Sir Angus Ogilvy, flew to London with a plan to arrest Smith. The plan involved two British banks shutting down operations in Rhodesia to bring the economy to a halt.

The then-cabinet secretary, Sir Burke Trend, told them to leave Smith to the British government.

Josie Rowland said her husband was not a bit like the cigar-chomping, champagne-swilling image of the tycoon. "He likes apple juice, is very domesticated and listens to everybody's point of view when he is at home," she said.

But she recalled the Volvo driver who refused to enter the traffic stream at Hyde Park Corner. Rowland responded by moving his car right up against the Volvo and pushing it onto the traffic circle. The Volvo driver leaped out and discovered who had pushed him.

"I've heard about you, but I never really believed it until now," said the driver, a company director. He didn't hang around long enough for Rowland to buy his company.

(The Sunday Telegraph)

IRS changes its style to go after tax cheats

Albert B. Crenshaw reports from Washington on a new IRS plan to compare life-style with reported income

AFTER years of checking W-2s and 1099s and making sure that taxpayers have receipts for their deductions, the Internal Revenue Service is adding a new weapon to its audit arsenal.

It's called "economic reality," and it means that IRS agents are going to start looking beyond the numbers of the tax return to make sure the report jibes with the taxpayer's assets and life-style.

If you have a big house and a couple of fancy cars but your return shows, say, $25,000 in taxable income, the IRS will be asking you to explain how you make ends meet.

If you suddenly start reporting a lot of investment or interest income when in past years you had none, they will want to know where those investments came from.

In other words, they'll be looking at your finances and asking, in effect: "*What's wrong with this* picture?"

The agency has realized that unreported income is the fastest-growing segment of the "tax gap" – the $100 million or so in uncollected taxes that escape the IRS each year.

"A lot of examination activity was based on verification of deductions and known income," said Phil Brand, IRS chief compliance officer. But that method is "not the best, in our judgment," in dealing with cash transactions and other unreported income.

The agency has already begun training auditors in "economic reality" techniques, and agents will be expected to implement them as soon as they complete the course.

The techniques will be applied both to garden-variety audits and to the agency's all-encompassing "taxpayer compliance measurement program" audits, in which a small number of randomly chosen taxpayers are audited in excruciating detail to help the agency gauge the overall level of cheating.

The program will involve checking such sources as motor vehicle records, real-estate transfers and other records that might show assets that seem larger than the taxpayer could acquire with the income he or she is reporting.

A taxpayer such as Soviet spy Aldrich Ames, for example, might have attracted IRS attention under this program, even if the CIA hadn't noticed.

It will also look at returns differently. If a taxpayer has $2,000 in interest income from a bank account this year but none in previous years and his income hasn't changed, "we would ask what amount of money earns $2,000 in interest" and where did it come from, said John Monaco, who is assistant commissioner for examinations at the agency.

He acknowledged that there are certainly many legitimate explanations – inheritance, for example – and said that if the taxpayer can show where the money came from, that will be that.

Monaco also said the training includes a heavy emphasis on privacy and ethics designed to make sure taxpayers' rights are protected. Nonetheless, some experts and a number of the agency's regular critics are voicing concern.

"THERE ARE major privacy issues here," said Pete Sepp of the National Taxpayers Union, a non-profit group that often takes issue with IRS practices. "This represents a fundamental shift in the philosophy behind audits. Before, the IRS was concerned about information that appeared on the return. Now, an agent could conceivably delve into many, many *other portions of your life*."

Donald Alexander, a former IRS commissioner who is now a lawyer in private practice here, said, "I think that for individual *examinations it's a good idea, if* not carried too far."

Alexander said that if a taxpayer is in a business where cash payments are common, reports $12,000 in income and has four Mercedes-Benzes parked outside, "the IRS agent knows full well there is a problem and should seek it out."

However, the program "should be strictly limited. The IRS doesn't have the time to run net worth examinations on many taxpayers, nor should it," Alexander said.

IRS officials said "economic reality" checks will not be applied indiscriminately. Returns will continue to be selected for audit by computer and then reviewed by IRS workers. Only those that seem suspicious – for example, because the taxpayer is in a business or occupation where previous IRS audits have found a lot of cheaters – will be given the full treatment.

Though this program is new, the techniques of "economic reality" audits have been around for many years. Until now, their most common application was in the reconstruction of incomes of individuals who have failed to file returns, not those who have filed.

In such cases, which often involve criminal activity such as drug dealing, IRS agents track down the individual's assets, examine his or her spending habits and life-style, and calculate the income necessary to support that.

The agency then taxes the person on that income. The results have been tested in court and widely upheld.

A key factor in the new program, though, is the widespread computerization of the kinds of records the IRS will be looking at.

In the past, Brand noted, checking car licenses and the like meant laborious manual searches. Now they can be done quickly and cheaply via computer.

(The Washington Post)

Canary Wharf sings a song of present success

Owners sound an upbeat note a year after the complex was released from the hands of administrators, **Brian Love** reports from London

A year after rising from the ashes, London's Canary Wharf office development celebrated last week with news that it is filling up fast and is close to clinching one of the biggest rental deals the capital has ever seen.

The firm running the spectacular, if somewhat windswept, site in London's former docklands told its first-anniversary news conference it had rented another huge chunk of office space to US investment bank Morgan Stanley and would soon be more than two-thirds full.

In addition, investment bank Barclays de Zoete Wedd (BZW) looked close to taking more than 50,000 sq. m. of offices in "probably the largest-ever single lettings in London," said Sir Peter Levene, chairman of Canary Wharf Holdings Ltd.

A year ago, the Canary Wharf complex in east London, dominated by a 59-story office tower, was released from the hands of the administrators who had been sent in after the collapse of its Canadian developers Olympia & York.

With a rescue plan worth $1.8 billion, plus government backing for an underground train linking it to central London, the aim was to lure big tenants, at a time when an end to the property recession was only barely in sight.

About 280,000 sq. m. of offices are now rented or about to be rented, with another 112,000 sq. m. still to be taken, Levene said.

The number of shops, restaurants and other retail outlets has doubled to 40, with supermarket giant Tesco due to open a huge store there in February.

"We are delighted," Levene said as he announced that Morgan Stanley was signing up for close to 40,000 sq. m. of offices in addition to the 50,000 sq. m. it already occupies there.

He refused to say how much was being paid, but offices in the complex, which is still seen by many as "far out," are generally cheaper than in the City of London financial district and other parts of London with which it wants to compete.

But BZW said the possible move – involving 1,500 staffers or about half its London workforce – was not only price motivated.

Several other big names in media, business and finance have moved to Canary Wharf over the past year.

The *Mirror*, *Independent* and *Telegraph* newspapers have office space there, as have several major banks, oil company Texaco Ltd., management consultants KPMG Peat Marwick, and the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products, among others.

Levene took a sober view of the development's short-term business, noting there was still a lot of empty space. Asked if the company would consider a flotation on the London stock market, Levene said Canary Wharf's recent successes had rendered the idea more possible, but that there is no plan to do so at present.

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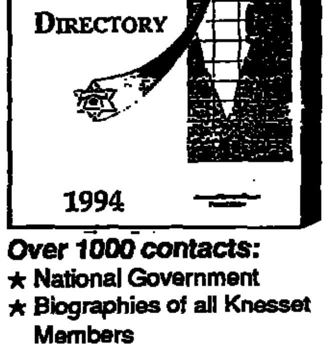

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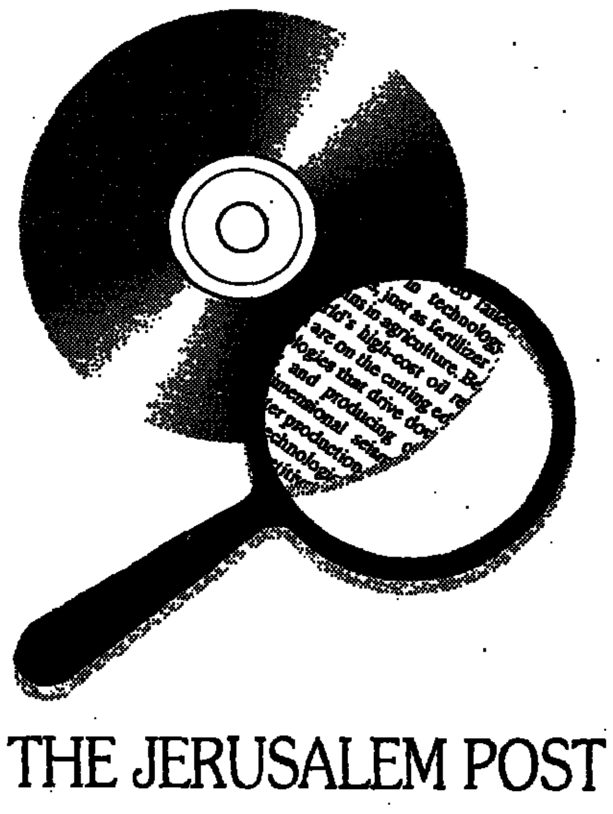

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Baby born while dad makes slam

BRIDGE

MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

East dealer
North-South vulnerable

North
(Kalish)
♠ A
♡ Q76
◇ AK6432
♣ O94

West
♠ QJ53
♡ K8542
◇ 7
♣ 1063

East
♠ K10964
♡ J10
◇ QJ985
♣ 5

South
(Podgur)
♠ 872
♡ A93
◇ 10
♣ AKJ872

West	Kalish North	East	Podgur South
–	–	2♠	3♣
3♠	4NT	pass	5♣
pass	6♣	(all pass)	

Opening lead: ◇7

WHILE a baby was born in Haifa, his father was successful in a difficult slam contract on the other side of the world. Leonid Podgur, a member of the Israeli team that reached the semifinal of the world championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in September, found the cure for expectant fathers who do not enjoy pacing the waiting room of hospitals: Play bridge instead.

His team, including Shaya Levitt and Danny Cohen of Tel Aviv, and Avi Kalish of Haifa, lost to an American team (the eventual champions), but only after they showed tremendous ability and perseverance. Along the way to the semifinal they defeated strong teams from Poland and the US, and upset a heralded French team of world champions in the quarterfinal.

Playing four-handed is never easy in a long team event. Most teams contain three pairs, even though only two pairs are in action at any given time. On this occasion, Podgur would not have minded a third pair so he could fly back to Haifa.

Despite this distraction, Podgur played brilliantly and showed his flair for the game on this week's deal. It comes from the team event and Podgur sat South. The Israelis overcame preemptive bidding to reach the fine slam contract. East started the auction with a two-spade opening, which in his system described a weak hand with a five-card spade suit and a five-card minor suit.

Podgur overcalled three clubs and West bid three spades. Kalish, North, jumped to four notrump, and Blackwood asked for aces. Podgur assumed that his partner was agreeing clubs as the trump suit, so he responded five clubs, which showed zero or three keycards. Keycards are the four aces and the king of trumps. Kalish assumed his partner held three and not zero, so he bid six clubs.

West led his singleton diamond and when dummy came down, Podgur had a subtle problem. Although the king of hearts was likely to be favorably placed in the West hand, and there were no other apparent losers, because two spades could be trumped in dummy, communications between the North and South hands were not easy. In a case like this, the expert player usually tries to play out the cards in his head before playing to trick one, and this is what Podgur did.

The trouble suit was diamonds. East had described a five-card minor, which was undoubtedly diamonds. This meant that he could not reach his hand with diamond ruffs without risking an overruff of the club 10. If, for example, he won the lead and cashed the ace of spades, led a club to the ace and ruffed a spade, a heart to the ace and ruffed the last spade, he would be stuck in dummy. A diamond lead would be ruffed with the eight, and if West held the 10 of clubs, the contract would fail.

Podgur hit on a unique line of play. He decided to reverse the dummy. That is, he would set up the diamond suit, though the suit was known to be breaking poorly.

After winning the ace at trick one, he led a small diamond and trumped with his ace of clubs. Next came the king of clubs, followed by a low club toward the queen-nine. When West played the six, Podgur took a dramatic finesse, sticking in the nine.

When this held, Podgur ruffed another diamond with his jack of clubs and drew the last trump. Finally, a third low diamond was trumped in the South hand. The remaining low diamond in dummy was now high. Podgur cashed the ace of hearts and led a heart toward the queen. He could not be stopped from taking 12 tricks, for a score of 1370.

Finesses of 10s are indeed daring plays. On this deal, however, declarer could have avoided the finesse. After ruffing a diamond at trick two, South could cash two high trumps and lead a third trump to the queen. He can still ruff a second diamond, return to dummy with the queen of hearts (as long as the king is on his left) and ruff a third diamond.

The ace of spades is his final dummy entry and the slam is secure. Nevertheless, the finesse of the nine added a touch of spice to the proceedings.

The season's first rains bring forth the winter crocus, with silvery veins in its petals. (Bill Clark)

The early bloomers

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

WE may have to wait until late winter or spring for the profusion of wildflowers, but right now is the time to look for some of the loveliest of the bulbous or corm types. These are less flamboyant than many of the flowers that bloom later, but each of them is a delight.

The lily family always pleases, providing, among others, the pale violet-colored Jerusalem autumn crocus *(Colchicum hierosolymitanum)* that blooms in the Golan and Galilee in addition to the Jerusalem hills. Its flowers appear before the leaves.

Then there is Decaisnei's colchicum *(Colchicum decaisnei)*, which resembles the Jerusalem autumn crocus but has narrower violet petals and leaves that appear with the flower.

The first-rain colchicum *(Colchicum steveni)* blooms in large clusters of flowers together with the leaves.

Also in the lily family is the little white winter crocus *(Crocus hyemalis)*, with a silvery vein in the petals; and the white androcymbium *(Androcymbium palaestinum)*, which is found in semi-desert areas and has very large spiked leaves that, unusual for this group, appear before the flowers.

Not all the autumn bloomers are from the lily family. The sea daffodil *(Pancratium maritimum)* is neither a lily nor a daffodil but a type of amaryllis that grows on the sandy Mediterranean shore. The blossoms last only one day but the plant continues to bloom from August through November. A close relative is the small-flowered pancratium *(Pancratium parviflorum)* that blooms in the mountains and has small white flowers and silver-tipped leaves.

The Sternbergia *(Sternbergia clusiana)* is a splash of very bright yellow – almost orange – springing from the bare earth with no trace of leaves. It is a member of the daffodil family and blooms all over Israel; it is also one of the first to appear.

Another singular plant is the palas crocus *(Crocus palasii)* that comes in a striking shade of violet. This crocus is not of the lily family (as most crocuses are), but of the iris family.

Many of these crocuses and other bulbed plants bloom only after the first rain, but some of them are out even before that. Because there are so few wildflowers at that time they are all the more noticeable and a delight to see.

No account of autumn wildflowers would be complete without mentioning the white squill *(Urginea maritima)* that appears all over the country even as early as August. This plant is associated with the holiday of Tu Be'av – some authorities connect with this flower the fact that white dresses were worn by maidens on this date in ancient times.

Literary triumphs

CHESS

NIGEL DAVIES

BEFORE glasnost brought the Soviet empire tumbling down, a Western grandmaster could make a fine living. But since the market has become flooded with cheap ex-Soviet exports, the value of grandmasters has sunk through the floor.

Only a few can survive from games alone. The rest of us have to supplement our income by teaching and writing.

Are such activities good or bad for your over-the-board play? As far as teaching is concerned, I think it very much depends on the level of the pupil one is dealing with. Very strong pupils tend to be quite stimulating and actually help you improve.

With weaker students, there is a temptation to generalize too much, and after a while the teacher starts to think in these terms himself, and in so doing loses that questioning, creative, cutting edge.

Danish Grandmaster Bent Larsen always asserted that writing is very bad for your practical play. After writing his famous book of selected games he said he became far too perfectionist and tended to lose interest in his games if they were not worthy of publication. Mikhail Botvinnik, on the other hand, enthusiastically advocated expressing and testing one's creative views in print.

I suspect it varies from writer to writer: what is good for a Botvinnik is not necessarily good for a Larsen.

And it may also depend on what you write.

One of the most prolific publishers of chess books, B.T. Batsford of London, has recently brought out a number of interesting books by the younger generation of British players. Particularly noteworthy are Joe Gallagher's *Beating the Anti-Sicilians* and Peter Wells's monumental 304-page work, *The Complete Semi-Slav*, both of which show clear evidence of dedicated effort.

In the following game from this year's Lloyds Bank Masters, Wells was certainly helped by his work as an author. He beat a dangerous opponent right out of the opening.

Wells, P – Shabalov, A
Semi-Slav Defense

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.exf6!?

The most popular continuation is 9.Nxg5, with long and complicated variations which have been mapped out well into the middle game.

9...gxh4 10.Ne5 Qxf6 11.a4 Bb7 12.Be2 h3?

In his book Wells opines that in view of White's reply Black should probably return to the older move in this position, 12...c5. Shabalov was evidently unaware of all this at the time of the game.

13.Bh5 hxg2 14.Rg1 Rh7 15.Bf3 Qe7

Finally diverging from the stem game with 13.Bh5, Ikonnikov-Godena, Vienna 1991. On that occasion Godena played 15...a6 but resigned after the further moves 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Bxa8 18.Qa1 Bb7 19.Qa7 Nd7 20.Nxd7 Qxf3 21.Ne5.

Was Shabalov's move a prepared "improvement"?

16.Rxg2 Rg7 17.Ne4 a6 18.Nc5 Rxg2 19.Bxg2 Bg7 20.Qg4 Kf8

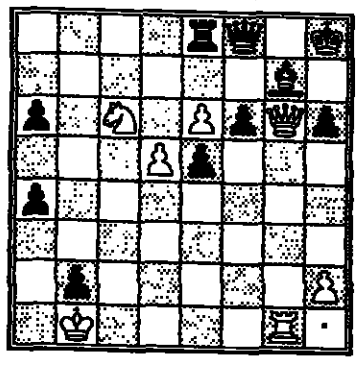
After 20...Bxe5 21.Qg8+ Qf8 22.Qxf8+ Kxf8 23.dxe5 White has a winning endgame.

21.0-0-0 Bc8 22.f4 Kg8 23.Bxc6 Nxc6 24.Nxc6 Qf8 25.Rg1 Kh8 26.Qh5 f6 27.Qg6 e5 28.f5 c3 29.Ne6 cxb2+ 30.Kb1 Bxe6 31.fxe6 Re8

No better was 31...exd4 32.e7 Qg8 33.Nd8 etc..

32.d5 bxa4

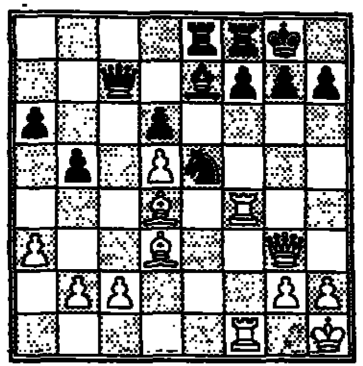
With the elimination of the last remnants of the pawn cover for White's king, it looks as if things might be getting interesting. But just at this moment Wells puts the ball in the net (see diagram).



33.e7! Rxe7 34.Nxe7 Qxe7 35.d6! Qd7 36.Qxg7+! 1-0

The d-pawn will promote.

THIS WEEK'S problem is from a 1978 all-Polish encounter, Bednarsky-Adamsky. White to play and win (see diagram).



Solution: White won beautifully with 1.Bxh7+!! Kxh7 2.Rxf7 Rg8 (protecting g7 with the bishop loses Black his queen) 3.Qh3+ Kg6 4.Qf5+ Kh6 5.Be3+ 1-0. After 5.... g5 6.Rh7 is mate.

Cultivate now for a fruitful spring

GARDENING

INEZ KLIMIST

WHILE the bloom is off the roses here and the grass looks greener on the other side of the world, you could do some fall gardening chores.

The work will make your task easier in the spring and ensure a healthier garden next season.

A good clean-up job before the heavy rains will help prevent fungus spores from multiplying during the wet season and generally keep your garden looking neat and orderly over the winter.

Make this job easier by taking a tip from house painters. Spread a large plastic sheet or old shower curtain next to you on the ground as you work. You can then toss the spent annuals and the rakings from the beds right onto the drop cloth. Just grab the four corners and drag away the whole mess to the compost pile. This will save time cleaning up after your clean-up job.

If your grass looks somewhat less than wonderful after this very hot summer, now is a good time to take care of it. When repairing damaged spots in a well-established lawn, the easiest way is to use cuttings of sod from the edges of the flower beds.

Rake the dead grass with a finger rake, right down to the bare earth. Then cultivate the soil a bit. Use the plugs you have cut, pressing them down firmly into the bare spots. Step on the plug to make sure it makes good contact and keep the area moist for three weeks.

If your lawn needs more repair than small patches, reseeding may be the answer. First get rid of the weeds. You can dig them out with a weeding tool or with an old knife. If a large area of weeds is involved, it's probably a more practical idea to apply a commercial weed killer, available at larger nurseries and garden-supply shops.

Then reseed. Add some slow-release fertilizer and some compost along with the seed. The most common mistakes made when reseeding grass are failure to remove all the dead grass and letting the soil dry out. The seed needs to be kept consistently watered for several weeks.

If you avoid these mistakes you should see sprouts in a week to 10 days. Don't walk on these new patches, and don't cut them until the grass is really growing well (six to eight weeks). You probably won't cut the grass until spring.

If your grass is in good condition, just cover the surface with some well-rotted, fine compost, and add some clover seed (*tiltan fahly*). Clover is a member of the Leguminosae family (like sweet peas), and the roots will produce nitrogen, which they store. Secondly, clover will stay green all year and give you a healthy looking lawn, even in winter.

DIVIDING bearded iris should be done now. Replant the new divisions so that the knob-shaped rhizome points to the front of the flower bed. Irises always grow and multiply backwards from the toe. Be sure that you plant them in a well-drained, sunny spot, and don't cover the rhizome with more than 2 or 3 cm. of soil.

If you have a sunny windowsill, you may want to bring in some of your garden plants for color in the house during the winter. Your miniature roses will make good house plants and bloom during the cold months if you water them faithfully.

Make up a mix of rich soil and vermiculite or perlite. Add some slow-release fertilizer too, and enjoy roses all winter.

Another way is to treat yourself to a new miniature rose, keep it on a sill all winter and move it outdoors in the spring. They do so well in window boxes that you can grow them successfully even if you have no garden. Just be sure they get enough sun and water, and feed them regularly.

Take cuttings of bright-colored coleus and begonias and root them in water. They will start a root system in only a few days on a sunny sill. When a good root system has established itself, pot up the plant. That way you will enjoy it all winter and have some more plants to set out in spring.

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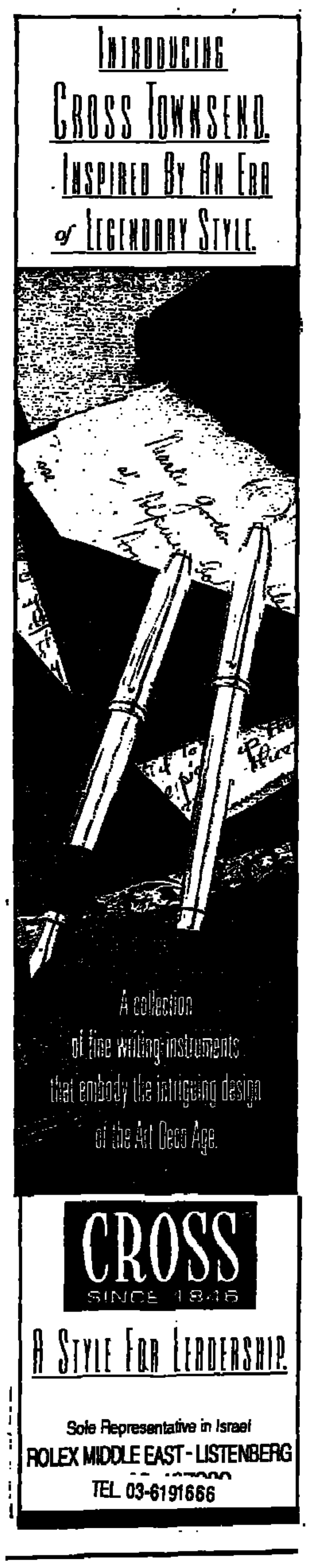

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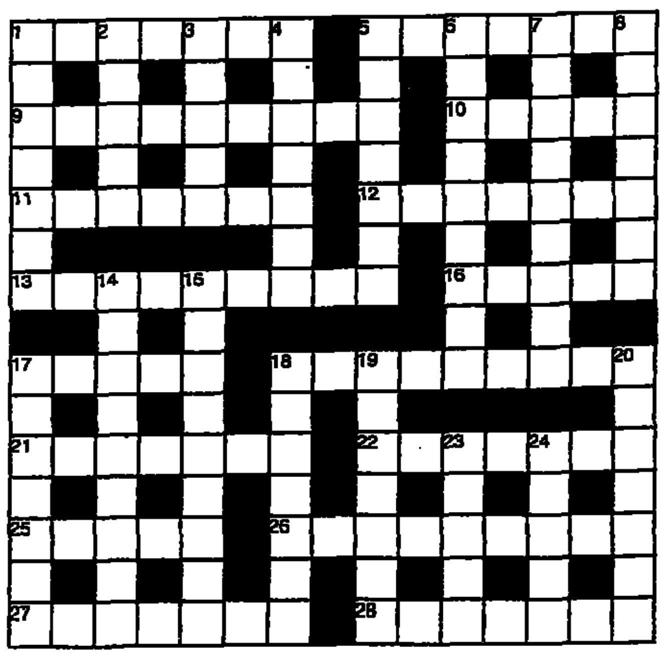
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Resign as a result of dislocated vertebrae (4,3)
5 Caught another train before father returned (2,1,4)
9 Be a campanologist! Does that sound familiar? (4,1,4)
10 Sarah gets work in the Shrewsbury area (5)
11 Putting fodder alongside electric cable is crazy (7)
12 How and why Grannie exploded? (2,5)
13 Forbore to declare that the umpire was wet (9)
16 Remarks on the absence of an educational journal (5)
17 Taking off a silver-plated brooch (5)
18 Game that requires some backbone (9)
21 Prisoner is taken to the house by coach (7)
22 Young Peter suffers pain with flamboyance (7)
25 A question put to a university man in Jordan (5)
26 Various men sit, eat and drink in it (9)
27 Privates engulfed by a Midlands river in flood (7)
28 "Pale —— and cold tranquillity." (Shelley) (7)

DOWN
1 Food served up by a woman resident in the town (7)
2 Presenting castle to the Duke of York is sweet (5)
3 Sanction given by a self-righteous beast (5)
4 Can wrap present in it (7)
5 Offer to tighten watch-spring proves a disaster (3,4)
6 Jack ordered retsina; he certainly wouldn't! (9)
7 Demoted ambassador in debt to the bank (9)
8 Penny made a syrup pudding featured in the paper (7)
14 In all justice, the exhibition isn't too bad (5,4)
15 Make worse by keeping tank in delapidated garage (9)
17 Essentially consisting of articles and paintings (2,5)
18 Ostensible reason for the bardic tradition? (7)
19 Supposed to have been laid in thatching material (7)
20 English reader for an old German prince (7)
23 Cites some of the Vietnamese (5)
24 Study notes in a dance (5)



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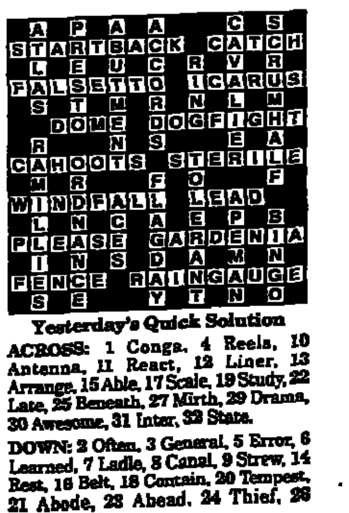

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Conga, 4 Reels, 10 Antenna, 11 React, 12 Liner, 13 Arrange, 15 Able, 17 Scale, 19 Study, 22 Late, 25 Beneath, 27 Mirth, 29 Drama, 30 Awesome, 31 Inter, 32 State.

DOWN: 2 Often, 3 General, 5 Error, 6 Learned, 7 Ladle, 8 Canal, 9 Strew, 14 Rest, 16 Belt, 18 Contain, 20 Tempest, 21 Abode, 23 Ahead, 24 Thief, 26 Amaze, 28 Roost.

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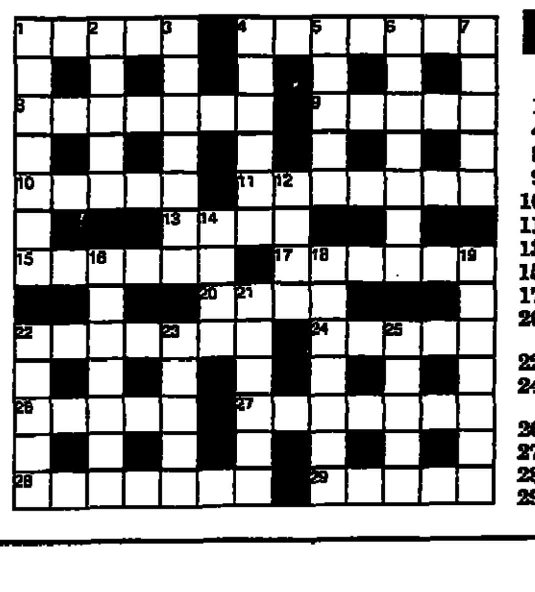


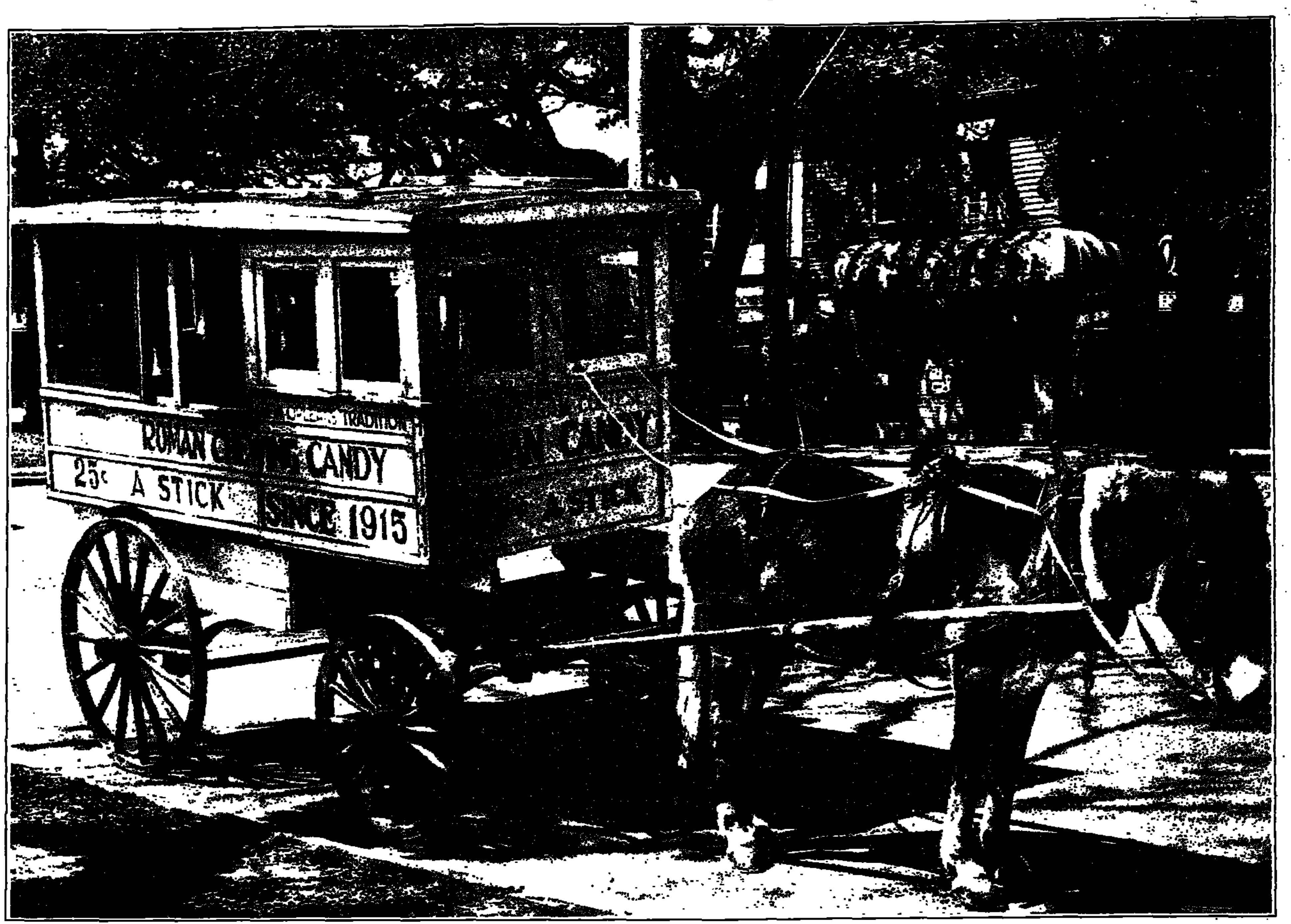
ACROSS
1 Branch of Islam (5)
4 If (7)
8 Tongue of bell (7)
9 Insinuate (5)
10 Desert retreat (5)
11 Euphoria (7)
13 Indian dress (4)
15 Hydrophobia (6)
17 Shooting star (6)
20 Muslim prayer leader (4)
22 Liqueur (7)
24 Noisy altercation (5)
26 Possessor (5)
27 Italian region (7)
28 Snare (7)
29 Concede (5)

DOWN
1 Aid (7)
2 Gets close to (5)
3 Stalemate (7)
4 Prison officer (6)
5 Heather (5)
6 Greek foot-soldier (7)
7 Cellulose fabric (5)
12 Peruvian capital (4)
14 Eastern continent (4)
16 Ennobled commoner (7)
18 Delegation (7)
19 Transmitted (7)
21 Human being (6)
22 Chew noisily (5)
23 Papal court (5)
25 Conscious (5)

New Orleans: Home of the 200-year-old, nonstop party

TRAVEL

TIRZAH AGASSI


The Roman Candy Man's horse and buggy have been a New Orleans institution since 1919, but the candy now costs 50 cents. (Vincent Palumba)

NEW Orleans plays it by ear.

Whoever you are, you're likely to find yourself improvising there. Even synagogues are in on the act. Where else would a Conservative synagogue, in this case Chevre Tillim, organize a jazz brunch at which its rabbi (David Bockman) plays "Gimme That Ol' Time Religion" on the shofar, backed by the Soulful Heavenly Stars Gospel Singers?

The event, which also included the rabbi's trumpet renditions of classic Jewish tunes, was such a hit that all involved were invited down to the House of Blues, the French Quarter's hottest club, for a repeat performance.

New Orleans is a party town. And it's been that way for as long as anyone can remember, sometimes with results of historic magnitude. Take, for example, the case of Congo Square.

Back in 1800, when Louisiana was owned by the French, large groups of slaves would gather for Sunday drum-and-dance convocations on a grassy plain behind the French Quarter, in what is now Louis Armstrong Park.

Whereas drumming and "bacchanalian revels" were outlawed in other parts of the South, in Congo Square, as the spot became known, slaves kept their African heritage alive, lighting up New Orleans with a distinct musical identity that eventually emerged in the late 1890s as jazz.

The Big Easy is still famous for its revels and its music. Residents will use *any* excuse to party. The best-known festival is, of course Mardi Gras, the biggest bash in all of North America. *En français, mardi gras* means "Fat Tuesday," the last day before the 40-day penitential period of Lent.

The carnival in New Orleans actually starts on January 6, the 12th Night. The pace accelerates with the Mardi Gras celebrations, which last the whole two weeks before Fat Tuesday: the partying gets serious and parades roll through the city every day.

Mardi Gras is the city's biggest celebration, but the locals I polled considered the Jazz and Heritage Festival (April 28 through May 7) to be the best. During this 10-day event, more than 4,000 top musicians, cooks and craftspeople stream into town.

A good place to meet natives during this one turns out to be the Touro Synagogue's Jazz Shabbat Service, which outdraws Yom Kippur and features the New Orleans Klezmer All-Stars, whose version of "Ot Azoy" is jet-propelled by the funky beat of the Neville Brothers' drummer, "Mean" Willie Green. It gets the congregation dancing in the aisles.

But don't worry if you can't make it to these major celebrations. There is almost always something going on here, from the highbrow Tennessee Williams Literary Festival in March to the Cajun Swamp Festival in October.

THERE IS also a continuous stream of underground party traditions. For example, this year the "Divine Decadence" party, open to everybody who knows about it, celebrated its 19th anniversary, issuing the usual proviso: "Costume mandatory. Nudity preferred."

There's no shortage of more conventional attractions to keep tourists busy. The town is heaven for lovers of gracious architecture, and the exquisitely preserved French Quarter is the obvious place to start.

Planned and built in the early 1700s, it has maintained the distinctive style that emerged over the next two centuries. Intricately patterned wrought-iron balconies still grace its lovely buildings. But instead of becoming a somber historical monument, it has remained a vibrant residential district, as well as a bustling center for shopping, dining and entertainment.

But the neighborhood has gone through a downswing lately. Bourbon Street is still Mecca for conventioneers, especially those who drink their breakfast; but the live music is often decidedly second rate.

"You could come here and think, this must've been great once. But it's all over now," said Glenn Hartman of the Klezmer All-Stars. "But the scene's just moved to Faubourg Marigny," added Lisa Palumbo-Green, the group's former manager and Willie Green's wife. "If you want to tune into what's happening locally, just cross Esplanade [the quarter's northwest boundary] and find Frenchmen Street."

The two Faubourg Marigny clubs that my ebullient guides frequent are Cafe Brasil and Cafe Istanbul. On the night we went, Istanbul was catering a film festival reception.

But Brasil had a nine-man Latino band on stage. The place didn't start jumping until 2 a.m. But there was no problem meeting locals who were ready to share their insights about the Crescent City, its charm and its sleaze.

Everybody seemed to agree that Miami's comeback had peaked and that New Orleans was coming up as a hot spot. Recent visits by trendsetters like Mick Jagger and R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe back this claim.

Much is riding on it. The city on the Mississippi, which has a history of booms and busts, is now counting on the convention and tourism trade to raise it out of the poverty that followed the oil bust of the '80s.

The upshot of this economic realignment is a situation which allows visitors the best of both worlds.

Shrewd planners court them with luxurious amenities and expertly packaged evidence of all that has ever made this town unique. They offer everything from tours of the Garden District's mansions to visits to the Voodoo Museum or even an alligator farm.

Yet the city's legendary character, which has fought off absorption by the American mono-culture ever since the 1803 Louisiana purchase, refuses to be tamed into a mere tourist attraction.

Instead, it continues to thrive side by side with all that is safe and marketed in its own mysterious, unsterilized and wildly unpredictable way.

One of my favorite memories is of a bus ride through a shabbier part of town. Wooden houses still showed fine structure under their peeling paint.

And my fellow travelers, who were poor and black, shared a laid-back courtesy, making and acknowledging eye contact as people in New Orleans still do.

A "light-skinned" woman got on the bus. I couldn't take my eyes off her. She must have been over 60. But she still carried herself like the prettiest girl in class. Her complexion was flawless, her pastel clothes perfectly ironed.

Everything from her tucked-back hair to the brooch pinning her lace collar was just so. She was, in fact, like her hometown, the City of New Orleans, a charming and off-beat belle one never forgets.

Where to eat to the beat, shop to the bop, snooze to the blues

THE people of New Orleans are obsessed with cooking and eating. Here are some of their favorite eateries and other haunts.

Cheap and good: **Cafe du Monde** has been serving cafe au lait and beignets (French doughnuts) since the 1860s. A must! 800 Decatur Street, French Quarter.

La Madeleine French Bakery and Cafe is an excellent French bistro/cafeteria. Jackson Square, French Quarter. (St. Charles streetcar stop No. 43.)

Special yet reasonable: **Cafe Degas** serves light French meals in a romantic setting. 3127 Esplanade Ave.

The Praline Connection offers trendy soul food at 542 Frenchmen Street.

Upscale and elegant: **Mike's On the Avenue** is known for eclectic and original cuisine. 628 St. Charles Avenue.

The Grill Room was rated No. 3 in the US by Conde Nast Traveler's poll. Over-the-top elegance. Windsor Court Hotel, 300 Gravier Street.

Music: **House of Blues** has live music every night by leading artists. A must! 225 Decatur Street.

Tipitina's is a New Orleans legend. 501 Napoleon Street.

Check out listings in the "Lagniappe" (a strictly New Orleans word meaning "a little bit more"), the entertainment section of *The Times-Picayune* each Friday.

Hotels, cheap and good: **Hotel Villa Convento** provides bed and continental breakfast. 616 Ursuline Street, French Quarter.

Special yet reasonable: **The Pontchartrain** is a beautiful Grand Heritage Hotel that has hosted celebs from Tennessee Williams to Walt Disney. 2031 St. Charles Avenue.

Souvenirs: **The French Market** flea market is where you find the best buys.

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When the king comes to visit, have the right room ready

GRAPEVINE

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PHILANTHROPIST and hostess to the upper crust **Gita Sherover** must have been precognitive in May last year when she opened luxurious Beit Gabriel on the Kinneret with its special peace room. **King Hussein** visited the elegant facility yesterday, as have other guests from Jordan in recent months.

JADED NEWSPAPER and television reporters rarely applaud anyone, and certainly not politicians, but Turkish Prime Minister **Tancu Ciller** proved to be the exception with her forthright comments on human rights at a joint press conference with Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin**. Despite his displeasure at her controversial visit to Orient House, there was obviously good chemistry between Rabin and Ciller, especially on all matters related to fighting terrorism. "There's definitely consensus," chorused Turkish journalists who accompanied Ciller.

FREQUENT FLYER: Rabin, who this week received an honorary doctorate from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, is so busy coming and going that he doesn't have time for jet lag. Rabin is off to the US next week to receive the Freedom Prize from former president **Ronald Reagan**. Another prize, the Prince of Asturius' award, awaits him in Spain later in the month; and of course next month he will receive the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo before proceeding to Japan and Korea for additional honorary doctorates.

THE PRESIDENT'S schedule this week did not initially include a meeting with the Givat Haviva board of governors and **Camelia Sadat**, daughter of the late Egyptian peacemaker; but it was quickly amended, following Sadat's arrival in Israel. When her father came in 1977, one of the first people he asked to see was **Ezer Weizman**, and the two struck up an instant friendship. Camelia Sadat toured the Knesset and burst into tears when Knesset speaker **Shevah Weiss** took her into the chamber where her father delivered his historic address to the Knesset plenum.

Turkish Prime Minister Tancu Ciller, surrounded by local VIPs, (from left) Dov Tadmor (director of Israel Discount Bank for Investments), Dan Propper (director of Osem) and David Frenkel (head of Bank of Israel).

LIKUD MK **Dan Meridor**, Prime Minister **Yithak Rabin** and **Uzi Manor**, director of the international organizations division of the Foreign Ministry, were the token males this week at the opening of the International Jewish Women Leaders' Conference in Jerusalem. They were the only men on the speakers' program, which included America's **Bella Abzug**, France's **Beate Klarsfeld** and Dr. **Melita Svob**, president of the Jewish Women of Croatia.

HE MAY have jumped the gun and offended the sensibilities of the IDF when he offered a prize worth $15,000 to Los Angeles-based expatriate **Mordechai Max** for a week's reserve duty in the army, but the challenge which **Dudu Topaz** offered to Max was more than a gimmick. Topaz, whose show was taped in Los Angeles, said he subscribed to that old-fashioned philosophy known as Zionism. To prove it, he adopted the traditional Diaspora image of a Zionist, which is one Jew taking money from a second Jew to send a third Jew to Israel. In this instance, Topaz wangled a free ticket from El Al to send Max home, albeit temporarily. Perhaps Topaz used the most diplomatic means at his disposal to persuade Israelis living abroad that they were wanted and needed in the old country.

Susi Bradfield was a lucky child in World War II; this week she was here to help other children. (Wolkovich)

ONE OF the lucky children who managed to escape the Holocaust through her inclusion in the Kindertransport to England in January 1939, **Susi Bradfield** has been expressing her gratitude for most of her adult life through philanthropic endeavors.

This week she was in Jerusalem to attend the inauguration of the WIZO-sponsored Freddie and Susi Bradfield Community Center in Pisgat Ze'ev, to which she contributed $500,000. A long-time WIZO activist, Bradfield was for 15 years fund-raising chairwoman of British WIZO. Among those attending the inauguration were **Lady Jacobowitz**, wife of Britain's former chief rabbi, World WIZO president **Raya Jaglom**, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi **Yisrael Lau** and Jerusalem Mayor **Ehud Olmert**. Most of those present at the community center's inauguration flocked to Jerusalem City Council Chambers to witness the conferral of the title "Honorary Fellows of the City of Jerusalem" upon **Oded Chertok** of France, **Sir Harry Djanogly** of the UK, Bernard and Audre Rapoport of the US and **Max Shein** of Mexico in appreciation of their contributions.

THE SO-CALLED private visit to Israel by **Prince Philip**, who dined with President Weizman and former president **Chaim Herzog**, has apparently paved the way for an official visit by either **Queen Elizabeth** or **Prince Charles**. The British Foreign Office, which vetoed such visits in the past, has had a change of heart. Several Israeli leaders, including Herzog, have issued invitations to the queen.

WHAT IS the dress code for peace? Well, aside from army fatigues being out, correct attire remains under wraps till spring, when Tel Aviv will host a mega fashion show as part of the Tourism Ministry's Year of Peace campaign. Heading the show's steering committee is locally bred international socialite **Irit Federman-Landau**, who during her long sojourns in Paris and New York developed friendships with several top-class designers. Steering committee celebrities **Gideon Oberson**, **Yehudit Gottfried** and **Oded Gera** hope to get 50 of the world's top designers to participate. Feelers have already been put out to such global fashion luminaries as ***Ralph Lauren***, ***Oscar de la Renta***, **Calvin Klein**, **Karl Lagerfeld**, **Giorgio Armani**, **Carolina Herrera** and **Mary MacFadden**.

OFF TO Jordan next week in the hope of finalizing a twin-city agreement with the sheikh of Haroun is **Moshe Lebowitz**, head of the settlement of Betar, which is some 300 meters across the Green Line. Lebowitz, who is engaged in intensive telephone and fax contacts with leaders of the Beduin-populated Jordanian village near Petra and with those of nearby Wadi Musa, wants to set up a joint tourism venture.

Betar already has a heliport which is used by the IAF. Time-pressed travelers might be charmed by civilian flights between Betar and Haroun, which, as yet, has no helipad.

The Beduin believe that Aaron, the High Priest and brother of Moses, is buried in Jabal Haroun. According to Jewish tradition, the burial places of both Aaron and Moses are unknown; but if the Beduin are so convinced, Lebowitz says, the spot may become another attraction for pilgrims to the Holy Land.

SOME PEOPLE are obviously ill-disposed towards **Lea Rabin**. The media have had a field day over the search for her lost gold pin in the sands of the Arava, as well as who was or wasn't included on her guest list for the luncheon in honor of **Hillary Clinton**.

One of the more relentless media hounds is **Dan Margalit**, who in 1977 brought about the resignation of then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin by disclosing in *Ha'aretz* that Lea Rabin had an illegal bank account in the US.

JUST ABOUT the most terrible thing that can happen to you in public happened this week to **Isi Leibler**, chairman of the travel conglomerate Jetset Tours.

Leibler, who was attending the Jerusalem Business Conference, was sitting next to a live mike which picked up his private conversation and broadcast it through the hall. Lucky fella was only discussing the seating arrangements.

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